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Resource Guide for Living Independently in Mississippi

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Independent Living

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Dear Reader,

Congratulations! By opening this resource guide, you have realized that there are a variety of careers and educational programs available to you. To help you reach your goals and utilize the resources that are available to you, the Mississippi Department of Human Services' Independent Living Program has developed this resource guide for you. This guide is made up of a large number of contacts, websites, and addresses to help you create a bright future. However, if you happen to discover any problems accessing any of the resources listed in this guide, please call M.D.H.S. at (601) 359-4755.

Again, thank you so much for believing in yourself enough to use this guide as a key to a bright future as you live independently in Mississippi.

Good Luck,

M.D.H.S.

"Reach for the Stars"



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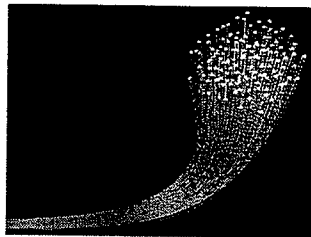
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State-Wide Referral Services

Miscellaneous

- Emergency 911
- MS United Way Information line 211
- Toll Free Number for Information 1-800-555-1212
- Pesticide Hotline 1-800-858-7378
- Migrant Workers 1-888-856-9321
- Parks and Wildlife 1-800-792-1112
- National Response Center (Chemical spills, pollution, etc.) 1-800-424-8802
- National Poison Center 1-800-222-1222
- American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees 1-202-429-1000
- Amigos de las Americas 1-800-231-7796
- Comptroller of Public Accounts 1-800-252-5555
- Federal Citizen Information Center 1-888-878-3256
- Consumer Product Safety Commission 1-800-638-2772
- Americans with Disabilities Information Line 1-800-514-0301
- Education Resource Information Center (ERIC) 1-800-538-3742
- National Weather Service 601-936-2189
- Peace Corps 1-800-424-8580
- Rural Information Center 1-800-633-7701
- The Center for Community Change 1-877- 777-1536
- National Association of Social Workers 1-202-408-8600
- P.R.E.P.A.R.E. Aftercare 1-800-624-9075
- United States Department of Health and Human Services 1-877-696-6775
- Department of Human Services State Office 1-800-345-6347

Help Lines

- CONTACT the Crisis Line (601) 713-HELP (4357)
- Hinds County Human Resources Agency 601-923-3930
- United Way of the Capital Area 601-948-4725
- First Call for Help/Link Line 662-680-5752

Child Abuse Hotlines

- USA National Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-4-A-CHILD (422-4453)
- Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-222-8000

Domestic Abuse Hotlines

- Domestic Abuse Family Shelter 1-800-649-1092
- Jasper County Crime Line 601-764-3784
- Shelter for Battered Families 601-366-0222

Eating Disorders Hotlines

- National Eating Disorder Association 1-800-931-2237
- C.A.R.E. - Comprehensive Addiction Rehabilitation Education 1-866-518-7551
- Forrest General Hospital - Pine Grove Women's Center 601-288-8100

Drug and Alcohol Hotlines

- 24-Hour Addictions Referral Network 1-800-577-4714
- Alcohol and Drug Addiction Referral Hotline 1-800-410-2530
- Alcohol and Drug Hotline 1-800-503-8632
- National Drug Information Treatment and Referral Hotline 1-800-662-4357
- Methodist Rehabilitation Center 601-981-2611
- Alcohol Anonymous 662-746-9962
- Alcohol Anonymous 601-982-0081
- Home of Grace 228-497-1312

Illness/Medical Hotlines

- Cancer Information Service 1-800-422-6237
- The CDC (Center for Disease Control) National Prevention Information Network 1-800-458-5231
- CDC Information hotline 1-800-232-4636
- Y-Me Breast Cancer Hotline 1-800-221-2141

Sexual Assault/ Rape Hotlines

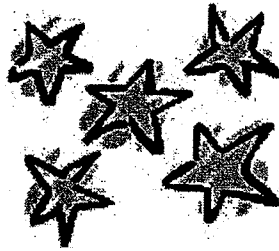
- Nationwide (RAINN) National Rape Crisis Hotline 1-800-656-4673
- Jackson Rape Crisis Center 601-982-7273

Runaway/ Exploited Children Hotlines

- National Runaway Switch Board 1-800-786-2929
- National Hotline for Missing and Exploited Children 1-800-843-5678
- Child Find of America Hotline 1- 800-I-AM-LOST (426-5678)

Suicide and Crisis Hotlines

- Boys Town Suicide and Crisis Line 1-800-448-3000 or 800-448-1833 (TDD)
- The Crisis Line 601-713-4357



"In order for you to be successful, you must not be afraid to ask for help."

Organizations That Help the Homeless

- American Red Cross 601-353-5442
- Big Brother Big Sister Mississippi 601-961-9286
- Catholic Charities USA 1-703-549-1390
- Enterprise Foundation 1-410-964-1230
- Habitat for Humanity 1-800-422-4828
- Housing Assistance Council 202-842-8600
- HUD 601-965-4757
- Meals on Wheels 601-960-0428
- Mississippi Food Network 601-973-7086
- Mississippi Hospital Association 1-800-289-8884
- National Alliance to End Homelessness 202-638-1526
- National Association of Community Health Centers 301-347-0400
- National Association of Social Workers-MS Chapter 601-936-0557
- National Coalition for the Homeless 202-462-4822
- National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA 212-870-2228
- National Resource Center on Homeless and Mental Illness 1-800-444-7415
- P.A.L.S. 601-366-7733
- Salvation Army 601-982-4881
- The American Institute of Architects-MS 601-360-0082
- United Way of the Capital Area 601-948-4725
- Women's Shelter of East Texas 1-800-828-7233



"There is no better gift than a safe home"

Hospitals

A ▲

- Alliance Health Center - Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi
Phone: (601)-483-6211

- Alliance Healthcare System - Holly Springs, Marshall County, Mississippi
Phone: (662)-252-1212

B ▲

- Baptist Memorial Hospital Booneville - Booneville, Prentiss County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 720-5000

- Baptist Memorial Hospital DeSoto - Southaven, DeSoto County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 772-4000

- Baptist Memorial Hospital Golden Triangle - Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 244-1000

- Baptist Memorial Hospital North Mississippi - Oxford, Lafayette County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 232-8100

- Baptist Memorial Hospital Union County - New Albany, Union County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 538-7631

- Beacham Memorial Hospital - Magnolia, Pike County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 783-2351

- Biloxi Regional Medical Center - Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi
Phone: (228) 432-1571

- Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital - Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi
Phone: (601)-984-1000

- Bolivar Medical Center - Cleveland, Bolivar County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 846-0061

C ▲

- Calhoun Health Services - Calhoun City, Calhoun County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 377-3000

● Choctaw County Medical Center - Ackerman, Choctaw County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 285-6235

● Claiborne County Hospital - Port Gibson, Claiborne County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 786-9293

● Covington County Hospital - Collins, Covington County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 765-6711

D ▲

● Delta Regional Medical Center - Greenville, Washington County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 378-3783

E ▲

● East Mississippi State Hospital - Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi
Phone: (601)-482-6186

F ▲

● Forrest General Hospital System - Hattiesburg, Forrest County, Mississippi
Phone: (601)-288-7000

● Franklin County Memorial Hospital - Meadville, Franklin County, Mississippi
Phone: (228) 575-7000

G ▲

● G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center - Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 362-4471 or (800) 949-1009 (in-state)

● Garden Park Medical Center - Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi
Phone: (228) 575-7000

● George County Hospital - Lucedale, George County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 947-3162

● Gilmore Health System, Inc. - Amory, Monroe County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 256-7111

● Greenwood Leflore Hospital - Greenwood, Leflore County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 451-4570

● Grenada Lake Medical Center - Grenada, Grenada County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 227-7000

● Gulf Coast Medical Center - Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi
Phone: (228) 388-0357

● Gulfport Memorial Hospital - Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi
Phone: (228) 867-4000

H ▲

● Hancock Medical Center - Bay Saint Louis, , Mississippi
Phone: (228) 467-8600

● Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital - Hazlehurst, Copiah County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 894-4541

● H.C. Watkins Memorial Hospital - Quitman, Clarke County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 776-5055

● Highland Community Hospital - Picayune, Pearl River County, Mississippi
Phone: (601)-798-4711

● Hillcrest Hospital - Calhoun City, Calhoun County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 628-1365

● Humphreys County Memorial Hospital - Belzoni, Humphreys County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 247-3831

J ▲

● Jasper General Hospital - Bay Springs, Jasper County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 764-2101

● Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center - Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 553-6881

● Jefferson County Hospital - Fayette, Jefferson County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 786-9789

- Jefferson Davis Community Hospital - Prentiss, Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 792-4276

K ▲

- Kilmichael Hospital - Kilmichael, Montgomery County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 262-4311

- King's Daughters Medical Center - Brookhaven, Lincoln County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 833-6011

L ▲

- Lackey Memorial Hospital - Forest, Scott County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 469-4151

- Laird Hospital - Union, Newton County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 774-8214

- Lawrence County Hospital - Monticello, Lawrence County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 587-4051

- Leake Memorial Hospital - Carthage, Leake County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 267-1290

M ▲

- Madison County Medical Center - Canton, Madison County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 859-1331

- Magee General Hospital - Magee, Simpson County, Mississippi
Phone: (601)-849-5070

- Magnolia Regional Health Center - Corinth, Alcorn County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 293-1000

- Marion General Hospital - Columbia, Marion County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 736-6303

- Memorial Hospital at Gulfport - Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi
Phone: (228) 867-4000

● Methodist Rehabilitation Center - Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 981-2611

● Mississippi Baptist Health Systems, Inc - Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 968-1000

● Mississippi State Hospital - Whitfield, Rankin County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 351-8018

● Monfort Jones Memorial Hospital - Kosciusko, Attala County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 289-4311

N ▲

● Natchez Community Hospital - Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 445-6200

● Natchez Regional Medical Center - Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi
Phone: (601)-443-2100

● Neshoba County General Hospital - Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 663-1200

● North Mississippi Medical Center Eupora - Eupora, Webster County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 258-6221

● North Mississippi Medical Center Iuka - Iuka, Tishomingo County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 423-6051

● North Mississippi Medical Center Pontotoc - Pontotoc, Pontotoc County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 489-5510

● North Mississippi Medical Center Tupelo - Tupelo, Lee County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 377-3000

● North Mississippi Medical Center West Point - West Point, Clay County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 495-2300

● North Mississippi State Hospital - Tupelo, Lee County, Mississippi
Phone: (662)-690-4200

● North Oak Regional Medical Center - Senatobia, Tate County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 562-3100

● North Sunflower County Hospital - Ruleville, Sunflower County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 756-2711

● Northwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center - Clarksdale, , Mississippi
Phone: (662) 627-3211

● Noxubee General Hospital - Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 726-4231

O ▲

● Ocean Springs Hospital - Ocean Springs, Jackson County, Mississippi
Phone: (228)497-7470

● Okolona Community Hospital - Okolona, Chickasaw County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 323-4320

● Oktibbeha County Hospital - Starkville, Oktibbeha County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 323-4320

P ▲

● Parkwood Behavioral Health System - Olive Branch, DeSoto County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 895-4900

● Pearl River County Hospital - Poplarville, Pearl River County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 795-4543

● Perry County General Hospital - Richton, Perry County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 788-6316

● Pioneer Community Hospital of Aberdeen - Aberdeen, Monroe County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 369-2455

● Promise Specialty Hospital of Vicksburg - Vicksburg, Warren County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 619-3526

Q ▲

● Quitman County Hospital - Marks, Quitman County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 326-8031

R ▲

- Rankin Medical Center - Brandon, Rankin County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 825-2811
- Riley Hospital - Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 693-2511
- River Oaks Hospital - Flowood, Rankin County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 932-1030
- River Region Health System - Vicksburg, Warren County, Mississippi
Phone: (601)-883-5000

S ▲

- Saint Dominic-Jackson Memorial Hospital - Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi
Phone:(601) 200-2000
- Sharkey-Issaquena Community Hospital - Rolling Fork, Sharkey County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 873-4395
- Simpson General Hospital - Mendenhall, Simpson County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 847-2221
- Singing River Hospital - Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 426-4000
- South Central Regional Medical Center - Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 426-4000
- South Central VA Health Care Network (VISN 16) - Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi
 - G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center - Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 362-4471
 - VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System - Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi
Phone: (228) 523-5000
- South Sunflower County Hospital - Indianola, Sunflower County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 887-3115
- South Mississippi State Hospital - Purvis, Lamar County, Mississippi
Phone: (601)794-0100

- Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center - McComb, Pike County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 249-5500

T ▲

- Tallahatchie General Hospital - Charleston, Tallahatchie County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 647-2173
- Tippah County Hospital - Ripley, Tippah County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 837-9221
- Trace Regional Hospital - Houston, Chickasaw County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 456-3700
- Tri-Lakes Medical Center - Batesville, Panola County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 563-5611
- Tyler Holmes Memorial Hospital - Winona, Montgomery County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 283-4114

U ▲

- University of Mississippi Medical Center - Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 984-1000

W ▲

- Walthall County General Hospital - Tylertown, Walthall County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 876 -2122
- Wayne General Hospital - Waynesboro, Wayne County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 735-5151
- Wesley Medical Center - Hattiesburg, Forrest County, Mississippi
Phone: (601) 268-8000
- Winston Medical Center - Louisville, Winston County, Mississippi
Phone: (662) 773-6211

- Woman's Hospital - Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi
Phone: (601)932-1030

Y ▲

- Yalobusha General Hospital - Water Valley, Yalobusha County, Mississippi
Phone: 662-473-1411



Mental Health/ Disability Organizations

- American College of Neuropsychopharmacology 1-615-324-2360
- American Psychiatric Association 1-703-907-7300
- American Psychological Association 1-800-374-2721
- Anxiety Disorders Association of America 240-485-1001
- Boston University Center for Psychiatric Rehab 1-617-353-3549
- Brain Tissue Resource Center 1-800-333-0338
- Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance 1-800-826-3632
- Fountain House 1-212-582-0340
- Madison Institute of Medicine 1-608-827-2470
- Mental Health Law Project 1-202-467-5730
- National Alliance for the Mentally Ill 1-800-950-6264
- National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems 1-202-393-6700
- National Association of State Mental Health Program 1-703-739-9333
- National Council for Community Behavioral Health Care 1-301-984-6200
- National Institute of Mental Health Information Center 1-800-647-2642
- Obsessive Compulsive Foundation 1-617-973-5801
- Eating Disorders Hotline 1-800-931-2237
- National Disability Works Network 1-202-408-9514

Children's Mental Health

- American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry 1-202-966-7300
- Center for Disease Control 1-800-232-4636
- Parents Anonymous 1-909-621-6184
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation 1-800-533-CURE
- Living Bank International (Natl. Organ Donor Registry) 1-800-528-2971
- Lupus Foundation of America 1-800-558-0121
- National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease Info. 1-301-495-4484
- National Center for Health Statistics 1-301-458-4636
- National Down Syndrome Congress 1-800-232-6372
- National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse 1-301-654-3327
- National Health Information Center 1-800-336-4797
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 1-800-424-9393
- National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases 1-301-496-5717
- National Institute on Deafness and Other Communications Dis. 1-800-241-1044
- National Kidney and Urologic Diseases Information Clearingh. 1-301-496-5717
- National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handi. 1-800-424-8567
- National Parkinson's Foundation 1-800-327-4545
- Office of Minority Health Resource Center 1-800-444-6472
- American Society of Plastic Surgeons 1-800-635-0635
- SIDS 1-800-221-SIDS
- Spina Bifida Hotline 1-800-621-3141

- Stutter's Hotline 1-800-221-2483
- Tuberous Sclerosis 1-800-225-6872
- Cancer Information Service 1-800-422-6237



Numbers Needed to Begin Living Independently

- Entergy (lights) 1-800-368-3749
- Mississippi Power (lights) 1-800-532-1502
- Atmos Energy (Gas) 1-888-286-6700
- Mississippi North Mississippi Utility (Water) 1-877-405-1750
- Bellsouth (AT&T) (Phone, Internet) 1-888-757-6500
- Bellsouth (AT&T) (Digital TV Services) 1.888-757-6500
- Comcast (Cable, Internet, Phone) 1-800-266-2278
- Nationwide (Renter's, Homeowner's Insurance, Car) 1-877-669-6877
- AllState (Renter's Homeowner's Insurance, Car) 1-800-ALLSTATE
- Emergency Family Assistance 601-923-3950
(Will help you in time of need with lights, gas, rental assistance)
- Jackson-Evers International Airport 601-932-2859 or 601-939-5631
- Greyhound Bus Lines 1-800-231-2222
- Rail (Amtrak) 601-355-6350 or 1-800-872-7245
- Mississippi Vital Records (601) 576-7981

Housing

- Fair Housing HUD 1-202-708-4252
- Housing and Urban Development 1-800-245-2691
- Public and Indian Housing 1-202-708-0950
- Fair Housing and Discrimination 1-800-896-7743
- Mississippi Faith-Based Coalition 1-228-863-4024

Organizations That Help with Legal Matters

- American Correctional Association 1-800-222-5646
- American Jail Association 1-301-790-3930
- International Association of Chiefs of Police 1-703-836-6767
- Mental Health Law Project 1-202-467-5730
- National Alliance for the Mentally Ill 1-800-633-3760
- State Association of State Mental Health Program Directors 1-703-739-9333
- National Center for State Courts 1-757-253-2000
- National Sheriffs Association 1-703-836-7827
- Judge Baseline Center for Mental Health Law 1-202-467-5730

Federal Programs

- Federal Information Center Program 1-800-688-9889
- Veteran' special issue Helpline 1-800-749-8387
- Fraud Hotline 1-800-424-5454
- Medicare 1-800-633-4227
- Social Security Administration 1-800-772-1213
- Department of Veteran Affairs Information Service 1-800-827-1000

Mississippi Area Social Security Offices

City	Address	Phone
• Biloxi	946 Tommy Munro Dr., Biloxi, MS 39532	228-388-1432
• Brookhaven	1392 Johnny Johnson Dr., Brookhaven, MS 39601	601-833-3951
• Clarksdale	236 Sharkey St. Rm. 226, Clarksdale, MS 38614	662-627-3276
• Cleveland	407 Industrial Parkway Cleveland, MS 38732	662-846-6664
• Columbus	3577 Bluecutt Rd., Columbus, MS 39705	662-328-5112
• Corinth	906 S. Cass St. 38834, Corinth, MS 38834	662-287-9922
• Greenville	305 Main St. Rm. 201, Greenville, MS 38701	662-378-2107
• Greenwood	604 Yalobusha St., Greenwood, MS 38930	662-453-6411
• Grenada	1301 Sunset Dr. Suite J, Grenada, MS 38901	662-227-1274
• Gulfport	9394 Three Rivers Rd. Gulfport, MS 39503	228-868-2854
• Hattiesburg	Rm. 100, 701 N. Main St., Hattiesburg, MS 39401	601-544-7351
• Jackson	Rm. 225 100 W. Capitol St., Jackson, MS 39269	601-965-5377
• Kosciusko	80 Veteran Memorial Dr., Kosciusko, MS 39090	662-289-4911
• Laurel	446 N. 6 th Ave., Laurel, MS 39440	601-649-9411
• McComb	211 Gay St., McComb, MS 39648	601-684-4831
• Meridian	4817 North Park Dr., Meridian, MS 39305	601-693-5010
• Moss Point	6000 Hwy. 63, Moss Point, MS 39563	228-474-7021
• Natchez	110 Lower Woodville Rd., Ground Floor, Natchez, MS 39120	601-442-3724
• Newton	558 Deer Field Dr., Forest, MS 39074	601-469-1177

- Olive Branch 8760 Mid South Dr., Olive Branch, MS 38654 662- 890-0439
- Pascagoula 1225 Jackson Ave., Pascagoula, MS 39576 228-762-3370
- Philadelphia 1120 E. Main St. E. Gate PL#28 601-656-3211
Philadelphia, MS 39350
- Starkville 101-B GT Thames Dr., Starkville, MS 39759 662-323-9211
- Tupelo 199 Saddle Creek Dr. Tupelo, MS 38801 662-842-6582
- Vicksburg 4155 Clay St., Suite 132, Vicksburg, MS 39183 601-636-0973

Libraries

- The Eudora Welty Library 601- 968-5811
300 North State Street
Jackson, MS 39201
- Fannie Lou Hammer Library 601- 362-3012
3450 Albermarle Road
Jackson, MS 39213
- Margaret Walker Alexander Library 601-924-5684
2525 Robinson Road
Jackson, MS 39209-0358
- Annie Thompson Jeffers Library 601-866-4247
P.O. Box 358/111 Madison
Bolton, MS 39041-0358
- Beverly J. Brown Library 601-372-0954
5795 S.Siwel Road
Jackson, MS. 39212
- A.E. Wood Memorial Library 601-924-5684
111 Clinton Blvd.
Clinton, MS 39056-5121
- Willie Morris Library 601-987-8181
4912 Old Canton Rd.
Jackson, MS 39211
- Edwards Public Library 601-852-2230
105 Williamson Avenue
Edwards, MS 39066-0140
- Medgar Evers Blvd. 601-982-2867
4215 Medgar Evers Blvd.
Jackson, MS 39213
- Northside Library 601-366-0021
807 East Northside Drive
Jackson. MS 39206-5537

- Raymond Public Library 601-857-8721
126 West Court Street
Raymond, MS 39154
- Richard Wright Library 601-372-1621
515 West McDowell Road
Jackson, MS 39204
- Ella Bess Austin Library 601-878-5336
320 West Cunningham Avenue
Terry, MS 39170-0155
- Evelyn Taylor Majure Library 601-885-8381
217 West Main Street
Utica, MS 39175
- R.G. Bolden/Anna Belle-Moore Library 601-922-6076
1450 Wiggins Road
Jackson, MS 39209



County Resources

Adams County

- Adams County Department of Human Services 601-442-7031
P.O. Box 852
150 E. Franklin St.
Natchez, MS 39121
- Adams County Health Department 601-445-4601
415 Hwy. 61 N.
Natchez, MS 39129
- Adams County Mental Health Office 601-446-6634
200 S Wall St.
Natchez, MS 39120
- MS State Extension Services 601-445-8201
75A Carthage Point Rd.
Natchez, MS 39120

Alcorn County

- Alcorn County Department of Human Services 662-286-7738
P.O. Box 2170
3001 Hwy. 72 E.
Corinth, MS 38834
- Alcorn County Health Department 662-287-6121
3706 Jo Ann Dr.
Corinth, MS 38834
- Timber Hills Mental Health Center 662-286-9883
P.O. Box 839
303 N. Madison
Corinth, MS 38835-0839
- MS State Extension Service 662-286-7755
P.O. Box 539
Corinth, MS 38835

Amite County

- Amite County Department of Human Services 601-657-8066
P.O. Box 305
185 Irene St.
Liberty, MS 39645
- Amite County Health Department 601-657-8351
P.O. Box 209
Liberty, MS 39645
- Amite County Mental Health Office 601-657-4354
315 Main St.
Liberty, MS 39645
- Liberty Head Start Center 601-657-4022
P.O. Box 400
West Freedom Dr.
Liberty, MS 39645

Attala County

- Mississippi Department of Human Services 662-289-4881
P.O. Box 729
717 Fairground Rd.
Kosciusko, MS 39090
- Attala County Health Department 662-289-2351
999 Martin L. King Dr.
Kosciusko, MS 39090
- MS Extension Service 662-289-5431
P.O. Box 160
715 Fairground Rd.
Kosciusko, MS 39090
- Region 6 Mental Health Center 662-453-6211
Life Help
Old Browning Road
P.O. Box 1505
Greenwood, MS 38935-1505

Benton County

- Mississippi Department of Human Services 662-224-6271
P.O. Box 37
Hwy 370
Ashland, MS 38603
- Benton County Health Department 662-224-6442
105 4th St.
Ashland, MS 38603
- MS State Extension Service 662-224-6330
382 Ripley Ave.
Ashland, MS 38603
- Region 3 Mental Health Center 662-844-1717
2434 E. Eason Blvd.
Tupelo, MS 38804

Bolivar County

- Mississippi Department of Human Services 662-843-0294
Bolivar East
P.O. Box 367
206 Pearman Ave.
Cleveland, MS 38732
- Bolivar West 662-759-3551
P.O. Box 368
706 Bradford St.
Rosedale, MS 38769
- Bolivar County Health Department 662-843-2706
P.O. Box 550
711 3rd St.
Cleveland, MS 38732
- MSU Extension Service 662-843-8371
P.O. Box 1678
406 N. Martin Luther King Dr.
Cleveland, MS 38732
- Region 5 Mental Health 662-335-5274
Delta community Mental Health Services
P.O. Box 5365
1654 E. Union St.
Greenville, MS 38704

Calhoun County

- Mississippi Department of Human Services 662-412-3183
P.O. Box 99
235 S. Murphree St.
Pittsboro, MS 38951
- Calhoun County Health Department 662-412-3260
P.O. Box 59
Pittsboro, MS 38951
- MSU Extension Service 662-412-3177
P.O. Box 118
121 Parker St.
Pittsboro, MS 38951
- Region 2 Mental Health 662-234-7521
Communicare
152 Hwy. 7, South
Oxford, MS 38655

Carroll County

- Mississippi Department of Human Services 662-237-9235
P.O. Box 176
101 Jefferson St.
Carrollton, MS 38917
- Carroll County Health Department 662-237-9224
P.O. Box 87
7225 MS Hwy. 17 Suite 8
North Carrollton, MS 38917
- MSU Extension Service 662-237-6926
P.O. Box 59
105-B E. Washington St.
Carrollton, MS 38917
- Region 6 Mental Health 662-453-6211
Life Help
P.O. Box 1
2504 Old Browning Rd.
Greenwood, MS 38930

Chickasaw County

- Mississippi Department of Human Services
Chickasaw East
234 W. Main St.
Okolona, MS 38860
662-447-5497
- Mississippi Department of Human Services
Chickasaw West
101 Castle St.
Houston, MS 38851
662-456-3978
- Ms State Extension Service
Lee Horn Dr., Suite 4
Houston, MS 38851-2204
662-456-4269
- Chickasaw County Health Department
332 N. Jefferson
Houston, MS 38851
662-456-3737
- Region 3 Mental Health
2434 S. Eason Blvd.
Tupelo, MS 38804
662-844-1717

Choctaw County

- Mississippi Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 280
583 W. Main St.
Ackerman, MS 39735
662-285-3782
- Choctaw County Health Department
P.O. Box 400
123 Chester St.
Ackerman, MS 39735
662-285-6213
- Region 7 Mental Health
Community Counseling Services
P.O. Box 1188
302 N. Jackson St.
Starkville, MS 39760-1188
662-323-9261
- MSU Extension Service
P.O. Box 370
Harmon Circle-Courthouse Annex
Ackerman, MS 39735-0370
662-285-6337

Claiborne County

- Claiborne County Department of Human Services 601-437-5159
P.O. Box 1013
417 Industrial Dr.
Port Gibson, MS 39150
- Claiborne County Health Department 601-437-5184
P.O. Box 447
902 S. Market St.
Port Gibson, MS 39150
- Claiborne County Mental Health Office 601-437-8185
2090 Hwy 61 N.
Port Gibson, MS 39150

Clarke County

- Clarke County Department of Human Services 601-776-3529
P.O. Box 30
29 Harris Ave.
Quitman, MS 39355-0030
- Clarke County Health Department 601-776-2149
426 W. Donald St.
Quitman, MS 39355
- Weems Community Mental Health Center 601-483-4821
P. O. Box 4378
1415 College Rd.
Meridian, MS 39304

Clay County

- Mississippi Department of Human Services 662-494-8987
P.O. Drawer 777
360 Washington St.
West Point, MS 39773
- Clay County Health Department 662-494-4514
P.O. Box 331
138 S. Division
West Point, MS 39773

- Region 7 Mental Health
Community Counseling Services
P.O. Box 1188
302 North Jackson St.
Starkville, MS 39760-1188 662-323-9261

- MS Extension Service
218 W. Broad St.
West Point, MS 39773 662-494-5371

Coahoma County

- Mississippi Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 310
917 Ohio Ave.
Clarksdale, MS 38614 662-624-3050

- Coahoma County Health Department
1850 Cheryl Street
Clarksdale, MS 38614 662-624-8316

Copiah County

- Copiah County Department of Human Services
640 Georgetown St.
Hazlehurst, MS 39083 601-894-4666

- Copiah County Health Department
640 Georgetown Rd.
Hazlehurst, MS 39083 601-894-2271

- Region 8 Mental Health Center
P.O. Box 728
1019 Carroll Dr.
Hazelhurst, MS 39083 601-894-2018

- Copiah County Extension Services
P.O. Box 789
2040 W. Gallman Rd.
Hazlehurst, Mississippi 39083 601-892-1809

Covington County

- Covington County Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 1179
502 Arrington Ave.
Collins, MS 39428 601-765-5005

- Covington County Health Department 601-765-4291
P.O. Box 940
600 South Arrington
Collins, MS 39428
- MAP Team "Make a Plan" Multi disciplinary 601-582-1149
Team for Children at risk for placement
P.O. Box 1030
110 Patton Ave.
Hattiesburg, MS 39403
- Pine Belt Mental Healthcare 601-765-4514
P.O. 1364
22 Westview Dr.
Collins, MS 39428

Desoto County

- Desoto County Department of Human Services 662-429-1480
P.O. Drawer 240
3246 Hwy. 51 S., Suite 2
Hernando, MS 38632
- Desoto County Health Department 662-429-9814
2705 Hwy. 51 South
Hernando, MS 38632
- MSU Extension Service 662-429-1343
3260 Hwy. 51 South
Hernando, MS 38632
- Region 2 Mental Health 662-234-7521
Communicare
152 Hwy 7 South
Oxford, MS 38655

Forrest County

- Forrest County Department of Human Services 601-554-4354
P.O. Box 1938
1604 W. Pine St.
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
- Forrest County Health Department 601-583-0291
5008 Hwy. 42
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

- Mental Health Center 601-544-4641
PO Box 1030
103 S. 19th Avenue
Hattiesburg, MS 39403
- MAP Team "Make a Plan" Multi disciplinary 601-582-1149
Team for children at-risk for placement

Franklin County

- Franklin County Department of Human Services 601-384-2369
P.O. Box 428
90 Mill Rd.
Bude, MS 39630
- Franklin County Health Department 601-384-5871
P.O. Box 99
Bude, MS 39630
- Franklin County Mental Health Office 601-384-2261
47 Main St. E
Meadville, MS 39653
- MSU Extension Service 601-384-2349
P.O. Box 368
Walnut Street
Meadville, MS 39653

George County

- George County Department of Human Services 601-947-0230
P.O. Box 177
204 London St. Suite A
Lucedale, MS 39452
- George County Health Department 601-947-4217
166 W. Ratliff St.
Lucedale, MS 39452
- Singing River Services 228-497-0690
3407 Shamrock Court
Gautier, MS 39553
- MAP Team "Make a Plan" Multi disciplinary 601-947-4274
Team for children at-risk for placement

Greene County

- Greene County Department of Human Services 601-394-2730
P.O. Box 40
1008 Jackson Ave.
Leakesville, MS 39451
- Greene County Health Department 601-394-2389
P.O. Box 130
1799 S. Davis St.
Leakesville, MS 39451
- Mental Health Center 601-394-5047
P.O. Box 526
1501 Lackey Street
Leakesville, MS 39451
- MAP Team "Make a Plan" Multi disciplinary 601-582-1149
Team for children at-risk for placement
- MS Extension Services 601-394-2702
P.O. Box 730
#2 Oak Street
Leakesville, MS 39451

Grenada County

- Greene County Department of Human Services 662-226-1990
P.O. Box 945
1240 Fairground Rd.
Grenada, MS 38901
- Grenada County Health Department 662-226-3711
1241 S. Mound St.
Grenada, MS 38901
- MSU Extension Service 662-226-2061
1240 Fairground Road, Suite E
Grenada, MS 38901
- Region 6 Mental Health 662-453-6211
Life Help
Old Browning Rd.
P.O. Box 1505
Greenwood, MS 38935-1505

Hancock County

- Hancock County Department of Human Services 228-467-4100
3058 Longfellow Dr. Trailer #17
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
- Hancock County Health Department 228-467-5236
3206 Longfellow Rd.
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
- Mental Health Center 228-467-1881
819-B Central Ave.,
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520-3913

Harrison County

- Harrison County Department of Human Services 228-897-5790
P.O. Box 3408
10260 Larkin Smith Dr.
Gulfport, MS 39505-3408
- Harrison County Health Department 228-863-1036
1102 45th Avenue
Gulfport, MS 39501
- Gulf Coast Mental Health 228-863-1132
1600 Broad Ave.
Gulfport, MS 39501-3603

Hinds County

- Hinds County Department of Human Services 601-364-7447
P.O. Box 11677
4777 Medgar Evers Blvd.
Jackson, MS 39283-1677
- Hinds County Health Department 601-364-2666
P.O. Box 20
Jackson Medical Mall Suite 411
Jackson, MS 39213
- Region 9 Mental Health Center 601-321-2400
Hinds Behavioral Health Services
P.O. Box 7777
3450 Hwy. 80 W.
Jackson, MS 39209

- MSU Extension Service 601-372-4651
1735 Wilson Blvd.
Jackson, MS 39204
- Catholic Charities 601-355-8634
200 N. Congress Suite 100
Jackson, MS 39201

Holmes County

- Holmes County Department of Human Services 662-834-0010
P.O. Box 620
Hwy 12 East
Lexington, MS 39095
- Holmes County Health Department 662-834-3142
106 Westwood Ave.
Lexington, MS 39095
- Region 6 Mental Health 662-453-6211
Life Help
Old Browning Rd.
P.O. Box 1505
Greenwood, MS 38935
- MSU Extension Service 662-834-2795
P.O. Box 330
113 W. China St.
Lexington, MS 39095

Humphreys County

- Humphreys County Department of Human Services 601-247-2117
P.O. Box 714
102 Castleman St.
Belzoni, MS 39038
- Humphreys County Health Department 662-247-1861
P.O. Box 118
107 South Hayden St.
Belzoni, MS 39038

- Region 6 Community Mental-Retardation Center
Life Help
P.O. Box 1505
Greenwood, MS 38930 662-453-6211

- MS Extension Services
P.O. Box 239
103 Castleman Street
Belzoni, MS 39038-0239 662-247-2915

Issaquena County

- Issaquena County Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 99
Mayersville, MS 39113 662-873-2441
- Issaquena County Health Department
297 Race Street
Rolling Fork, Mississippi 39159 662-873-6202
- Region 5 Mental Health
Delta Community Mental Health Services
317 W. Race St.
Rolling Fork, MS 39159 662-873-6228

Itawamba County

- Itawamba County Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 637
305 W. Cedar St.
Fulton, MS 38843 662-862-4851
- Itawamba County Health Department
P.O. Box 626
110 Crane St.
Fulton, MS 38843 662-862-3710
- Region 3 Mental Health
2434 S. Eason Blvd.
Tupelo, MS 38804 662-844-1717
- MS State Extension Service
304 C. Wiygul
Fulton, MS 38843 662-862-3201

Jackson County

- Jackson County Department of Human Services 228-769-3275
P.O. Box 789
5343 Jefferson St.
Moss Point, MS 39563
- Jackson County Health Department 228-762-1117
P.O. Box 1366
1702 Telephone Rd.
Pascagoula, MS 39568
- Singing River Services Mental Health Center 228-497-0690
3407 Shamrock Court
Gautier, MS 39553

Jasper County

- Jasper County Department of Human Services 601-764-3219
P.O. Box 350
37 W. 8th Ave.
Bay Springs, MS 39422
- Jasper County Health Department 601-764-2419
P.O. Box Drawer K
2761 Highway 15
Bay Springs, MS 39422
- Region 3 Mental Health 662-844-1717
2434 S. Eason Blvd.
Tupelo, MS 38804
- MS State Extension Service 662-862-3201
304 C. Wiygul
Fulton, MS 38843

Jefferson County

- Jefferson County Department of Human Services 601-786-6010
P.O. Drawer 97
235 Medgar Evers Blvd.
Fayette, MS 39069
- Jefferson County Health Department 601-786-3061
P.O. Box 446
700 Main St.
Fayette, MS 39069

- Jefferson County Mental Health Office 601-786-8091
1555 Main St.
P.O. Box 369
Fayette, MS 39069

Jefferson Davis County

- Jefferson Davis County Department of Human Services 601-792-4206
P.O. Box 1167
1185- B Frontage Rd.
Prentiss, MS 39474
- Jefferson Davis County Health Department 601-792-5135
1185 –A Frontage Rd.
Prentiss, MS 39474
- Mental Health Center 601-792-4872
P.O. Box 979
116 J. E. Johnson Rd.
Prentiss, MS 39474

Jones County

- Jones County Department of Human Services 601-426-2266
P.O. Box 1943
923 Sawmill Rd.
Laurel, MS 39441-1943
- Jones County Health Department 601-426-3258
5168 Hwy. 11 South
Laurel, MS 39440
- Pinebelt Children's Services 601-582-1149
110 Patton Ave.
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Kemper County

- Kemper County Department of Human Services 601-743-9366
P.O. Box 326
Hwy. 39 N.
Dekalb, MS 39328
- Kemper County Health Department 601-743-9366
Hwy. 16 West
Dekalb, MS 39328

- Region 10 Mental Health Center 601-743-5616
Weems Community Mental Health Center
P.O. Box 344
110 Hopper Avenue
DeKalb, MS 39328

Lafayette County

- Lafayette County Department of Human Services 662-234-1863
P.O. Box 1027
1301-B. Monroe Ave.
Oxford, MS 38655
- North MS Regional Center, NMRC 662-234-1476
967 Regional Center Dr.
Oxford, MS 38655
- Lafayette County Health Department 662-234-5231
P. O. Box 1395
101 Veterans Dr.
Oxford, MS 38655
- Region 2 Mental Health 662-234-7521
Communicare
152 Hwy 7 South
Oxford, MS 38655
- MS State Extension Service 662-234-4451
101 Veterans Dr.
Oxford, MS 38655

Lamar County

- Lamar County Department of Human Services 601-794-1080
P.O. Box 779
303 Court St.
Purvis, MS 39475
- Lamar County Health Department 601-794-1055
207 Main St.
Purvis, MS 39475
- Mental Health Center 601-794-6543
P.O. Box 489
805 Hwy 589
Purvis, MS 39475

Lauderdale County

- MS Department of Human Services 601-484-5124
P.O. Box 4444
5224 Valley St.
Meridian, MS 39304-4444
- Lauderdale County Health Department 601-693-2451
5224 Valley St.
Meridian, MS 39304
- Region 10 Mental Health Center 601-483-4821
Weems Community Health Center
P.O. Box 4378
1415 College Dr.
Meridian, MS 39304

Lawrence County

- Lawrence County Department of Human Services 601-587-4892
P.O. Box 557
1200 Nola Rd.
Monticello, MS 39654
- Lawrence County Health Department 601-587-2561
1230 Nola Rd.
Monticello, MS 39654
- Lawrence County Mental Health Office 601-587-4674
1230 Nola Rd.
Monticello, MS 39654
- MS State Extension Services 601-587-2271
435 Brinson St., Apt. B
Courthouse Square
Monticello, MS 39654-6003

Leake County

- Leake County Health Department of Human Services 601-267-8093
P.O. Box 227
115 N. Pearl St.
Carthage, MS 39051
- Leake County Health Department 601-267-3072
204 Chipley St.
Carthage, MS 39051

- Region 10 Mental Health Center 601-267-3551
Weems Community Mental Health Center
P.O. Box 49
529 Main St.
Carthage, MS 39051

Lee County

- Lee County Department of Human Services 662-841-9737
P.O. Box 7057
220 S. Industrial Rd.
Tupelo, MS 38802
- Lee County Health Department 662-841-9096
P.O. Box 408
532 S.Church St.
Tupelo, MS 38802
- Region 3 Mental Health 662-844-1717
2434 S. Eason Blvd.
Tupelo, MS 38801
- MS State Extension Service 662-841-9000
P.O. Box 2297
5338 Cliff Gookin Blvd.
Tupelo, MS 38801

Leflore County

- Leflore County Department of Human Services 662-455-7917
P.O. Box 1848
216 Hwy. 7 North
Greenwood, MS 38930
- Leflore County Health Department 662-453-0284
2600 Browning Rd.
Greenwood, MS 38930
- Region 6 Mental Health Center 662-453-6211
Life Help
P.O. Box 1505
Old Browning Rd.
Greenwood, MS 38935-1505

- MS State Extension Services 662-453-6803
Lock Drawer C
309 W. Market
Greenwood, MS 38935-0419

Lincoln County

- Lincoln County Department of Human Services 601-835-2838
P.O. Box 538
300 E. Chickasaw St.
Brookhaven, MS 39601
- Lincoln County Health Department 601-833-3314
P.O. Box 630
1212 Northpark Lane N.E.
Brookhaven, MS 39602
- Lincoln County Mental Health Office 601-833-5386
511 Brookman Dr.
Brookhaven, MS 39601
- MS State Extension Services 601-835-3460
301 South First Street Room 201
Brookhaven, MS 39601

Lowndes County

- Lowndes County Department of Human Services 662-329-5744
P.O. Box 1347
3748 Hwy. 45 N.
Columbus, MS 39701
- Lowndes County Health Department 662-328-6091
1112 Military Rd.
Columbus, MS 39701
- Community Counseling Services 662-328-9225
1001 Main St.
Columbus, MS 39701

Madison County

- Madison County Department of Human Services 601-859-5858
P.O. Box 203
867 Martin Luther King
Canton, MS 39046

- Madison County Health Department
317 N. Union St.
Canton, MS 39046 601-859-3316
- Region 8 Mental Health Center
P.O. Box 526
103 S. Lake Circle
Canton, MS 39046 601-859-8371
- MS State Extension Services
P.O. Box 112
152 Watford Parkway
Canton, MS 39046 601-859-3842

Marion County

- Marion County Department of Human Services
226 Broad St., Suite 1
Columbia, MS 39429 601-736-6044
- Marion County Health Department
908 Sumrall St.
Columbia, MS 39429 601-736-2676
- Mental Health Center
P.O. Box 965
217 Dewey St.
Columbia, MS 39429 601-736-6799
- MS State Extension Services
1060 Hwy 13, South
Columbia, MS 39429 601-736-8251

Marshall County

- Marshall County Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 218
230 E. College St.
Holly Springs, MS 38635 662-252-3465
- Marshall County Health Department
P.O. Box 340
225 S. Market St.
Holly Springs, MS 38635 662-252-4621

- Region 2 Mental Health Center
Communicare
P.O. Box 917
820 Hwy. 178 East
Holly Springs, MS 38635 662-252-4140
- MS State Extension Service
P.O. Box 489
810 Highway 178 East
Holly Springs, MS 38635 662-252-3541

Monroe County

- Monroe County Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 788
104 ½ N. Mattuba St., Aberdeen, MS 39730 662-369-2876
300 S. Front St., Suite 1, Amory, MS 38821 662-256-3428
- Monroe County Health Department
Amory Clinic
1300 Highway 25 South
Amory, MS 38821 662-256-5341
- Monroe County Health Department
307 E. Jefferson St.
Aberdeen, MS 39730 662-369-8132
- Region 3 Mental Health Center
2434 S. Eason Blvd.
Tupelo, MS 38801 662-844-1717
- MS State Extension Service
517 Hwy. 145 N., Suite 1
Aberdeen, MS 39730 662-369-4951

Montgomery County

- Montgomery County Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 149
416 Tyler Holmes Dr.
Winona, MS 38967 662-283-3430
- Montgomery County Health Department
707 Alberta Dr.
Winona, MS 38967 662-283-3655

- Region 6 Mental Health Center 662-288-2529
Life Help
718 Alberta Dr.
Winona, MS 38967

Neshoba County

- Neshoba County Department of Human Services 601-656-5175
301 Main St.
Philadelphia, MS 39350
- Neshoba County Health Department 601-656-4371
1014 Holland Ave.
Philadelphia, MS 39350
- Weems Community Health Center 601-656-3451
P.O. Box 423
1011 Posey Avenue
Philadelphia, MS 39350
601-656-3451
- MS State Extension Services 601-656-4011
12000 Hwy. 15 N., Suite 2
Philadelphia, MS 39350

Newton County

- Newton County Department of Human Services 601-635-2798
P.O. Box 158
Hwy 15 South
Decatur, MS 39327
- Newton County Health Department 601-635-2337
Decatur Office
15776 Hwy 15 North
Decatur, MS 39327
- Newton County Health Department 601-683-3331
Newton Clinic
500 Decatur St.
Newton, MS 39345
- Region 10 Mental Health Services 601-635-3342
P.O. Box 281
92 South 6th Ave.
Decatur, MS 39327

Noxubee County

- Noxubee County Department of Human Services 662-726-5885
P.O. Box 347
601 W. Pearl St.
Macon, MS 39341
- Noxubee County Health Department 662-726-4451
480 W. Pearl St.
Macon, MS 39341
- Region 7 Mental Health Center 662-726-5042
Community Counseling Services
200 W. Martin Luther King St.
Macon, MS 39341
- MS State Extension Service 662-726-5723
107 E. Adams St.
Macon, MS 39341

Oktibbeha County

- Oktibbeha County Department of Human Services 601-323-1573
P.O. Box 865
213 Yeates
Starkville, MS 39760
- Oktibbeha County Health Department 662-323-4565
203 Yates St.
Starkville, MS 39759
- Region 7 Mental Health 662-323-9261
Community Counseling Services
302 N. Jackson St.
Starkville, MS 39759
- MS State Extension Service 662-323-5916
106 Felix Long Dr.
Starkville, MS 39759

Panola County

- Panola County Department of Human Services 662-487-2098
P.O. Box 128
203 S. Main St.
Sardis, MS 38666

- Panola County Health Department 662-563-4616
381 Hwy 51 South
Batesville, MS 38606
- Communicare 662-487-2746
100 E. Frontage Road
Sardis, MS 38666
- Panola County Extension Service 662-563-6260
P.O. Box 348
245-C Eureka St.
Batesville, MS 38606

Pearl River County

- Pearl River County Department of Human Services 601-795-4507
167 Savannah Millard Rd.
Poplarville, MS 39470
- Pearl River County Health Department 601-798-6212
7547 Hwy. 11 North
Carriere, MS 39426
- Gulf Coast Mental Health Center 601-798-7001
211 Highway 11 South
Picayune, MS 39466-4503
- MS State Extension Services 601-403-2280
417 Hwy. 11 N.
Poplarville, MS 39470

Perry County

- Perry County Department of Human Services 601-964-8374
P.O. Box 407
101 Main St.
New Augusta, MS 39462
- Perry County Health Department 601-964-3288
P.O. Box 126
102 Main St.
New Augusta, MS 39462
- Mental Health Center 601-788-6308
P.O. Box 1167
91180 Hwy. 42 West
Richton, MS 39476

- MS State Extension Services 601-964-3668
P.O. Box 405
103-B 2nd St. West
New Augusta, MS 39462

Pike County

- Pike County Department of Human Services 601-684-0915
P.O. Box 665
1002 Warren Krout Rd.
McComb, MS 39648
- Pike County Health Department 601-684-1030
114 E. Presley Blvd.
McComb, MS 39648
- Pike County Mental Health Office 601-684-2173
1701 White St.
McComb, MS 39648
- MS State Extension Services 601-783-5321
P.O. Box 510
1140 N. Clark Ave.
Magnolia, MS 39652

Pontotoc County

- Pontotoc County Department of Human Services 662-489-3970
P.O. Box 419
341 Ridge Rd.
Pontotoc, MS 38863
- Pontotoc County Health Department 662-489-1241
P.O. Box 1148
341 Ridge Rd.
Pontotoc, MS 38863
- Region 3 Mental Health 662-509-9300
339 Legion Lane
Pontotoc, MS 38863
- Pontotoc Extension Services 662-489-3910
171 Hwy 15 N.
Pontotoc, MS 38863

Prentiss County

- Prentiss County Department of Human Services 662-728-8010
P.O. Box 728
110 N. Main St.
Booneville, MS 38829
- Prentiss County Health Department 662-728-3518
615 E. Parker Dr.
Booneville, MS 38829
- Region 4 Mental Health 662-728-3174
Timber Hills Mental Health Services
P.O. Box 716
2100 E. Chambers Dr.
Booneville, MS 38829
- Prentiss County Extension Service 662-728-5631
P.O. Box 130
2301 N. 2nd St.
Booneville, MS 38829

Quitman County

- Quitman County Department of Human Services 662-326-7913
P.O. Box F
Hwy 3 South
Marks, MS 38646
- Quitman County Health Department 662-326-2861
235 Chestnut St.
Marks, MS 38646
- Region I Mental Health 662-326-4445
P.O. Box 1046
421 1st St.
Marks, MS 38646
- Quitman County Extension Service 662-326-8939
225 Peach St.
Marks, MS 38646

Rankin County

- Rankin County Department of Human Services 601-825-1040
P.O. Box 1809
603 Marquette Rd.
Brandon, MS 39043-1809
- Rankin County Health Department 601-825-2141
100 Tamberlin St.
Brandon, MS 39042
- Region 8 Mental Health Center 601-824-0342
613 Marquette Rd.
Brandon, MS 39042
- MS State Extension Services 601-825-1462
601 Marquette Road
Brandon, MS 39042

Scott County

- Scott County Department of Human Services 601-469-2010
301 S. Main
Forest, MS 39074
- Scott County Health Department 601-469-4941
Forrest Office
519 Airport Rd.
Forest, MS 39074
- Scott County Health Department 601-732-8080
Morton Office
235 Hwy 13 S.
Morton, MS 39117
- Region 10 Mental Health Services 601-469-2211
Weems Community Mental Health Center
P.O. Box 839
3717 Hwy. 80 West
Forest, MS 39074
- MS State Extension Services 601-469-4241
230 South Davis Street
Forest, MS 39074

Sharkey County

- Sharkey County Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 488
1000 Chestnut St.
Rolling Fork, MS 39159
662-873-2655
- Sharkey-Issaquena County Health Department
297 Race St.
Rolling Fork, MS 39459
662-873-6202
- Region 5 Mental Health
Delta Community Mental Health Services
317 W. Race St.
Rolling Fork, MS 39159
662-873-6228
- MS State Extension Services
120 Locust Suite 3
Rolling Fork, MS 39159
662-873-4246

Simpson County

- Simpson County Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 217
109 W. Pine
Mendenhall, MS 39114
601-847-4081
- Simpson County Health Department
2789 Simpson Hwy. 49
Mendenhall, Mississippi 39114
601-847-2755
- Region 8 Mental Health Center
P.O. Box 578
3100 Simpson Hwy. 13
Mendenhall, MS 39114
601-847-4410
- MS State Extension Services
2785 Simpson Highway 49
Mendenhall, MS 39114
601-847-1335

Smith County

- Smith County Department of Human Services 601-782-9807
P.O. Box 100
Hwy 37 South
Raleigh, MS 39153
- Smith County Health Department 601-782-4472
Raleigh Clinic
352 Magnolia Dr.
Raleigh, MS 39153
- Weems Community Mental Health Center 601-782-9461
P.O. Box 1077
355 Hwy. 37 South
Raleigh, MS 39153
- MS State Extension Services 601-782-4454
P.O. Box 127
212 Sylvarena Avenue - Smith County Office Bldg.
Raleigh, MS 39153-0127

Stone County

- Stone County Department of Human Services 601-928-2510
P.O. Box 247
648 Fairgrounds St.
Wiggins, MS 39577
- Stone County Health Department 601-928-5293
305-A Central Ave.
Wiggins, MS 39577
- Gulf Coast Mental Health Center 601-928-2357
217 Parker St.
Wiggins, MS 39577-2728
- MS State Extension Services 601-928-5286
214 N. Critz St. Suite A
Wiggins, MS 39577

Sunflower County

- Sunflower County Department of Human Services 662-887-2795
P.O. Box 928
204 E. Baker St.
Indianola, MS 38751
- Sunflower County Health Department 662-887-4951
412 Hwy 49 South
Indianola, MS 38751
- Sunflower County Health Department 662-756-4881
Ruleville Clinic
628 Byron Street
Ruleville, MS 38771
- Region 6 Mental Health 662-887-5441
Life Help
200 E. Baker St.
Indianola, MS 38751
- Sunflower County Extension Service 662-887-4601
200 Main St.- Courthouse
Indianola, MS 38751

Tallahatchie County

- Tallahatchie County Department of Human Services 662-647-2202
P.O. Box 48
201 S. Market St.
Charleston, MS 38921
- Tate County Health Department 662-562-4428
P.O. Box 129
100 Preston McKay
Senatobia, MS 38668
- Region 2 Mental Health Center 662-234-7529
Hwy 7 Bypass
Route 4, Box 32
Oxford, MS 38655
- Tate County Extension Service 662-562-4274
P.O. Box 188
#1 French's Alley
Senatobia, MS 38668

Tippah County

- Tippah County Department of Human Services 662-837-1198
P.O. Box 209
412 Water St.
Ripley, MS 38663
- Tippah County Health Department 662-837-3215
129 Hospital Street
Ripley, MS 38663
- Region 4 Mental Health Center 662-837-8154
Timber Hills Mental Health Services
P.O. 216
2441-A Cr. 501
Ripley, MS 38663
- Tippah County Extension Service 662-837-8184
P.O. Box 489
10791B Hwy 15 S. - Fairgrounds
Ripley, MS 38663

Tishomingo County

- Tishomingo County Department of Human Services 662-423-7041
1505 Betty Dale Dr.
Iuka, MS 38852
- Tishomingo County Health Department 662-423-6100
1508 Bettydale Dr.
Iuka, MS 38852
- Region 4 Mental Health 662-423-3332
Timber Hills Mental Health Services
1213 Maria Lane
P.O. Box 1290
Iuka, MS 38852
- Tishomingo County Extension Service 662-423-7016
1008 Battleground Dr., Rm. 106
Iuka, MS 38852

Tunica County

- Tunica County Department of Human Services 662-363-1771
972 E. Edward
P.O. Box 1026
Tunica, MS 38676
- Tunica County Health Department 662-363-2166
2073 Old Hwy. 61 North Suite 4
Tunica, MS 38676
- Region 1 Mental Health Center 662-627-7267
P.O. Box 1046
1742 Cheryl St.
Clarksdale, MS 38614
- Tunica County Extension Service 662-363-2911
P.O. Box 1077
1221 Kenny Hill Ave., Suite 3
Tunica, MS 38676

Union County

- Union County Department of Human Services 662-534-1986
252 Carter Avenue
New Albany, MS 38652
- Union County Health Department 662-534-1926
252 Carter Ave.
New Albany, MS 38652
- Region 3 Mental Center 662-844-1717
2434 Eason Blvd.
Tupelo, MS 38804
- Union County Extension Service 662-534-1917
112 Fairground Cir.
New Albany, MS 38652

Walthall County

- Walthall County Department of Human Services 601-876-3238
P.O. Box 430
901 Union Rd.
Tylertown, MS 39667
- Walthall County Health Department 601-876-4924
903 Union Rd.
Tylertown, MS 39667
- Walthall County Mental Health Office 601-876-4721
219 Ball Ave.
Tylertown, MS 39667
- MS State Extension Services 601-876-4021
250 Ball Avenue
Tylertown, MS 39667

Warren County

- Warren County Department of Human Services 601-636-1597
P.O. Box 1829
1100 Grove St., Suite E.
Vicksburg, MS 39181
- Warren County Health Department 601-636-4356
807 Monroe St.
Vicksburg, MS 39180
- Region 15 Mental Health Services 601-638-0031
Warren-Yazoo Mental Health Services
3444 Wisconsin Ave.
Vicksburg, MS 39182
- MS State Extension Services 601-636-5391
1100-C Grove Street
Vicksburg, MS 39180

Washington County

- Washington County 662-378-0319
240 S. Theobald St.
Greenville, MS 38702
- Washington County Health Department 662-332-8177
1633 Hospital St.
Greenville, MS 38701
- Washington County Health Department 662-686-7711
Leland Clinic
801 North Broad St.
Leland, MS 38756
- Region 5 Mental Health Center 662-355-5274
Delta Community Health Services
1654 E. Union St.
P.O. Box 5365
Greenville, MS 38704
- MS State Extension Services 662-334-2670
P.O. Box 915
Greenville, MS 38702
148 N. Edison Street
Greenville, MS 38701

Wayne County

- Wayne County Department of Human Services 601-735-6254
P.O. Box 1729
1104-A Cedar St.
Waynesboro, MS 39367
- Wayne County Health Department 601-735-2351
1108 Bradley Drive
Waynesboro, MS 39367
- Wayne County Mental Health Center 601-735-3350
PO Box 611
1104B Cedar Street
Waynesboro, MS 39367
- MS State Extension Services 601-735-2243
810-A Chickasawhay Street
Waynesboro, MS 39367

Webster County

- Webster County Department of Human Services 662-258-4771
P.O. Box Drawer E
319 E. Gould Ave.
Eupora, MS 39744
- Webster County Health Department 662-258-3761
319 E. Gould St.
Eupora, MS 39744
- Webster County Community Counseling Services 662-258-8147
1660 Veterans Memorial Blvd.
Eupora, MS 39744
- MS State Extension Services 662-258-3971
16 East Fox Ave.
Eupora, MS 39744

Wilkinson County

- Wilkinson County Department of Human Services 601-888-4311
P.O. Box 726
1391 U.S. Hwy. 61 South
Woodville, MS 39669
- Wilkinson County Health Department 601-888-4202
P.O. Box 398
991 First S. St.
Woodville, MS 39669
- Wilkinson County Mental Health Office 601-888-3022
1495 Hwy 61S
Woodville, MS 39669
- MS State Extension Services 601-888-3211
P.O. Box 834
982 2nd South St.
Woodville, MS 39669

Winston County

- Winston County Department of Human Services 662-773-8034
P.O. Box 150
458 Vance St.
Louisville, MS 39339
- Winston County Health Department 662-773-8087
P.O. Box 525
260 Vance St.
Louisville, MS 39339
- Region 7 Mental Health Center 662-773-9377
Community Counseling Services
507 W. Main St.
Louisville, MS 39759
- Winston County Extension Service 662-773-3091
460 Vance St.
Louisville, MS 39339

Yalobusha County

- Yalobusha County Department of Human Services 662-473-1071
P.O. Box 1071
400 Main St..
Water Valley, MS 38965
- Yalobusha County Health Department 662-473-1424
209 Simmons St.
Water Valley, MS 38965
- Yalobusha County Health Department 662-675-9453
Coffeeville Clinic
719 Center St.
Coffeeville, MS 38922
- Region 2 Mental Health 662-562-5216
Communicare
101 Preston McKay Drive
Senatobia, MS 38668
- Yalobusha County Extension Service 662-675-2730
P.O. Box 610
18025 Hwy. 7
Coffeeville, MS 38922

Yazoo County

- Yazoo County Department of Human Services 662-751-8735
P.O. Box 570
1315 Grady Ave.
Yazoo City, MS 39194
- Yazoo County Health Department 662-746-2453
230 E. Broadway St.
Yazoo City, Mississippi 39194
- Region 15 Warren-Yazoo Mental Health Services 662-746-5712
2303 Gordon Ave.
Yazoo City, MS, 39194
- MS State Extension Services
P.O. Box 1068
212 E. Broadway St.
Yazoo City, MS 39194



WIC Services

If you're eligible for WIC, you'll receive at no cost:

A monthly package of delicious, nutritious foods

Valuable tips on healthy eating

Health care referrals

Breastfeeding support

WIC food package

The WIC food package provides nutritious foods to supplement your regular meals. You can choose some or all of the following, free of charge:

White and chocolate A variety of hot and cold cereals, including infant cereal

* Eggs *Cheese *Baby formula *Beans *Peanut butter

*Canned tuna and carrots for breastfeeding mothers

*A selection of 100% fruit juices

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the program, a woman, infant, or child must meet the income guidelines and be at medical or nutritional risk. Low iron levels in the blood (anemia), underweight, overweight, or poor diet are typical examples. A nurse or nutritionist will determine if an applicant is eligible for the WIC program.

You can check your income against the current guidelines to see if you may qualify.

The WIC Income Table

WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines (effective April 2007 through March 2008)			
Family Size	If family income is no more than		
	Per year	Per month	Per week
1	\$18,889	\$1,575	\$364
2	\$25,327	\$2,111	\$488
3	\$31,765	\$2,648	\$611
4	\$38,203	\$3,184	\$735
5	\$44,641	\$3,721	\$859
6	\$51,079	\$4,257	\$983
7	\$57,517	\$4,794	\$1,107
8	\$63,955	\$5,330	\$1,230
Each additional family member, add	+ \$6,438	+ \$537	+ \$124

*If you receive TANF, Food Stamps or Medicaid, you automatically meet WIC income guidelines.

Apply in person

USDA policy requires that applicants must apply in person for WIC benefits at their local WIC clinic. Parents not wanting to bring their newborns in to the WIC clinic have a 60-day period during which the newborn must be seen at the WIC clinic

What to bring to your WIC appointment

Applicants must bring proof of income, residence, and identification to their WIC appointment.

Examples of proof of income:

- A current pay stub less than 60 days old
- A signed statement from an employer indicating gross income earnings for a specified pay period
- Current W-2 forms
- An income tax return for the most current year
- Proof of Medicaid, TANF, or Food Stamps

Examples of proof of residence:

- Pieces of mail that include the client's current address (e.g. current utility bill, bank statement, etc.)
- A valid driver's license with the current address
- A mortgage/rental agreement

Examples of proof of identification:

- A valid driver license
- A social security card
- A valid U.S. passport
- A current shot record
- A military ID
- A newborn crib card

WIC Offices in Mississippi

Public Health District 1

Coahoma	521 Medical Drive, Clarksdale	662-627-3511	5
DeSoto	1939 Oak Tree Lane, Hernando	662-449-0807	5
Grenada	52 Cherry St, Grenada	662-226-1047	5
Panola	365 Hwy 51 South, Batesville	662-563-4549	5
Quitman	201 Cherry St, Marks	662-326-4855	5
Tallahatchie (Charleston)	305 N. Waverly, Charleston	662-647-3475	5
Tallahatchie (Sumner)	109-C South Court St., Sumner	662-375-8637	5
Tate	470 Scott Street, Senatobia	662-562-7121	5
Tunica	2092 Old Hwy 61 North, Tunica	662-363-3910	5
Yalobusha	220 Blackmur Dr., Water Valley	662-473-2274	5

Public Health District 2

Alcorn	501 Pinecrest, Corinth	662-287-9442	5
Benton	16025 Boundary, Ashland	662-224-3335	5
Itawamba	503 Lindsey St, Fulton	662-862-4686	5
Lafayette	101 Veterans Drive/ Box 1395, Oxford	662-234-2060	5
Lee	578 Garnation, Tupelo	662-844-4170	5
Marshall (Holly Springs)	690 H 4 East, Holly Springs	662-252-5246	5
Marshall (Byhalia)	8478 Hwy 178 West, Byhalia	662-838-4911	5
Pontotoc	379 E. Oxford, Pontotoc	662-489-6169	5
Prentiss	2405 E. Chambers, Booneville	662-728-3212	5
Tippah	105 Hospital Drive, Ripley	662-837-3837	5
Tishomingo	1250 Bettydale, Iuka	662-423-3148	5
Union	207 Carter Avenue, New Albany	662-534-4131	5

Public Health District 3

Attala	312 N. Wells, Kosciusko	662-289-5569	5
Bolivar – Cleveland	927 Charlie Capps, Cleveland	662-843-9476	5
Bolivar – Rosedale	503 Bruce St., Rosedale	662-759-3063	5
Carroll	108 Main St. N., Carrollton	662-237-6918	Tu, Th
Holmes	318 Yazoo, Lexington	662-834-2140	5
Humphreys	309 North Hayden St., Belzoni	662-247-3534	5
Leflore	2600 Browning, Greenwood	662-453-2119	5
Montgomery	108 N. Applegate, Winona	662-283-3694	5
Sunflower – Indianola	266 Hwy 82 West, Indianola	662-887-5986	5
Sunflower – Ruleville	620 Hwy 8 East, Ruleville	662-756-2084	M, Th, F
Washington – Greenville	1700 E. Union St., Greenville	662-332-0726	5
Washington – Leland	210 Baker St., Leland	662-686-4033	5

Public Health District 4

Calhoun	107 E. Main St., Pittsboro	662-412-2555	5
Chickasaw – Houston	210-A N. Monroe, Houston	662-456-5446	5
Chickasaw – Okolona	400 North Church, Okolona	662-447-3686	M, Tu, Th
Choctaw	234 Hwy. 15 N., Ackerman	662-285-6030	M, Tu, Th
Clay	1342 N. Eshman Ave., West Point	662-494-4771	5
Lowndes	7220 Hwy 45 North, Columbus	662-328-7809	5
Monroe – Aberdeen	109 South Chestnut St., Aberdeen	662-369-8580	5
Monroe – Amory	403 S. Main St., Amory	662-256-8833	5
Noxubee	205 W. Green St., Macon	662-726-2466	5
Oktibbeha	1203 Highway 25 S., Starkville	662-324-0171	5
Webster	200 Mississippi Street, Eupora	662-258-8592	M, W, F
Winston	305 Vance St., Louisville	662-773-8571	5

Public Health District 5

Claiborne	226 Carroll St., Port Gibson	601-437-8793	5
Copiah	640 Georgetown, Hazlehurst	601-894-4300	5
Hinds - Jackson	350 W. Woodrow Wilson	601-961-4719	5
Hinds - Raymond	304 Raymond/Clinton Rd	601-857-8287	5
Hinds - Utica	Hwy 27 North, Utica	601-885-9693	Tu, W, F
Hinds - So. Jackson	3276 Lynch Street, Jackson	601-969-5730	5
Madison	722 1/2 E. Peace St., Canton	601-859-1717	5
Rankin	110 Crosspark Drive, Pearl	601-939-0450	5
Sharkey-Issaquena	600 Walnut St., Rolling Fork	662-873-4428	5
Simpson	206 E. Jackson, Mendenhall	601-847-1300	5
Warren	809 Walnut Street, Vicksburg	601-636-5831	5
Yazoo	NW Plaza, H. 49W, Yazoo	662-746-2484	5

Public Health District 6

Clarke	203 N. Archusa, Quitman	601-776-3085	M-F
Jasper	35 Third Street, Bay Springs	601-764-4085	M-F
Kemper	Hwy 16, DeKalb	601-743-5537	M, W, F
Lauderdale	2119 Hwy 19 N., Meridian	601-693-5507	M-F
Leake	1120 Hwy 35 S., Carthage	601-267-3280	M-F
Neshoba	107 St. Francis Drive, Philadelphia	601-656-2202	M-F
Newton	75 WIC Road, Decatur	601-635-2129	M-F
Scott	2047 Hwy 35 S., Forest	601-469-4507	M-F
Smith	147 Main St., Raleigh	601-782-9495	M, W, F

Public Health District 7

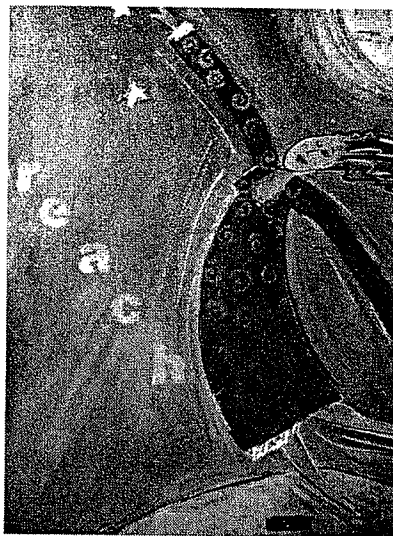
Adams	110 1/2 Northgate Road, Natchez	601-445-2098	M-F
Amite	147 West Freedom, Liberty	601-657-8400	M-F
Franklin	19 Holly Street, Bude	601-384-2219	M-F
Jefferson	425 E. Harrison St., Fayette	601-786-3541	M-F
Lawrence	1157 W. Broad St., Monticello	601-587-7061	M-F
Lincoln	758 Industrial Park Rd., Brookhaven	601-833-8880	M-F
Pike	1029 Phillips Road	601-249-4641	M-F
Walthall	1508 Beulah Ave., Tylertown	601-876-6219	M-F
Wilkinson	212 First West Street South, Woodville	601-888-3580	M-F

Public Health District 8

Covington	0220 East Street, Collins	601-765-4097	M-F
Forrest	1515 Florida Ave., Hattiesburg	601-582-2081	M-F
Greene	208 Lafayette St., Leakesville	601-394-2391	M-F
Jefferson Davis	675 Columbia Ave., Prentiss	601-792-4823	M-F
Jones	1222 Hillcrest Dr., Hattiesburg	601-428-4178	M-F
Lamar	47 Deep South Lane, Purvis	601-794-6294	M-F
Marion	1931 N. Main St., Columbia	601-736-4054	M-F
Perry	503 Third Ave, New Augusta	601-964-3600	M-F
Wayne	1105 Bradley Drive, Waynesboro	601-735-5447	M-F

Public Health District 9

George	10 Suzanne St., Lucedale	601-947-6352	M-F
Hancock	10221 Hwy 603, Bay St. Louis	228-467-1086	M-F
Harrison - Biloxi	4046 Suzanne Dr., D'Iberville	228-396-5194	M-F
Harrison - Gulfport	330 Courthouse Road, Gulfport	228-897-7630	M-F
Harrison - Gulfport	12451 Dedeaux Road, Gulfport	228-539-4220	M-F
Jackson	4400 Chicot Road, Pascagoula	228-769-0163	M-F
Pearl River	7063 Hwy 11, Carriere	601-798-5635	M-F
Stone	1061 Central Avenue West, Wiggins	601-928-2139	M-F



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www.alcorn.edu
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1500 Peachtree St, Jackson, MS 39202
Admissions Office Phone: (601) 968-5940
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- ❖ **Delta State University**
Hwy 8 West, Cleveland, MS 38733
Admissions Office Phone: (662) 846-4020
www.deltastate.edu
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1440 J R Lynch St, Jackson, MS 39217
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www.jsums.edu
- ❖ **Magnolia Bible College**
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Admissions Office Phone: (662) 289 – 2896
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Admissions Office Phone: (601) 974 – 1050
www.millsaps.edu
- ❖ **Mississippi College**
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Admissions Office Phone: (601) 925 – 3240
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Mississippi State, MS 39762
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Admissions Office Phone: (662) 329 - 7106
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- ❖ Mississippi Valley State University
14000 Highway 82 West, Itta Bena, MS 38941
Admissions Office Phone: (662) 254 - 3344
www.mvsu.edu
- ❖ Rust College
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www.rustcollege.edu
- ❖ Southeastern Baptist College
4229 Hwy 15 N., Laurel, MS 39440
Admissions Office Phone: (601) 426-6346
www.southeasternbaptist.edu
- ❖ Tougaloo College
500 W County Line Rd., Tougaloo, MS 39174
Admissions Office Phone: (601) 977-7765
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- ❖ University of Mississippi- Main Campus
Oxford Mississippi, University, MS 38677
Admissions Office Phone: (662) 915-7226
www.olemiss.edu
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2500 N State St., Jackson, MS 39216
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Admissions Office Phone: (601) 8880
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- ❖ Wesley College
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www.creationscosmetology.com
- ❖ Day Spa Career College
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Admissions Office Phone: (228) 875 – 4809
- ❖ Delta Beauty College
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Admissions Office Phone: (662) 332 - 0587
- ❖ Delta Technical College
1090 Main St., Southaven, MS 38671
Admissions Office Phone: (662) 280 - 1443 ext. 228
www.deltatechnicalcollege.com
- ❖ East Central Community College
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Admissions Office Phone: (601) 635 - 2111 ext. 206
www.eccc.edu
- ❖ East Mississippi Community College
1512 Kemper Street, Scooba, MS 39358
Phone: (662) 476-5000
www.eastms.edu/
- ❖ Final Touch Beauty School
5700 North Hills Street, Meridian, MS 39307
Admissions Office Phone: (601) 485 – 7733

- ❖ Fosters Cosmetology College
1813 Hwy 15 N., Ripley, MS 38663
Admissions Office Phone: (662) 837 – 9334
- ❖ Gibson Barber and Beauty College
120 E Main St., West Point, MS 39773
Admissions Office Phone: (662) 494 – 5444
- ❖ Hinds Community College
501 E Main St., Raymond, MS 39154
- ❖ J & J Hair Design College
333 Pass Road., Gulfport, MS 39507
Admissions Office Phone: (228) 864-4663
- ❖ Jones County Junior College
900 S Court St., Ellisville, MS 39437
Admissions Office Phone: (601) 477 – 4025
www.jcjc.edu
- ❖ Magnolia College of Cosmetology
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Admissions Office Phone: (601) 362 - 6940
- ❖ Meridian Community College
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www.meridiancc.edu
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- ❖ Pearl River Community College
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Job Corps

Job Corps is a no-cost education and vocational training program (e.g. high school diploma, G.E.D., and a trade) that helps young people ages 16 through 24 get a better job, make more money, and take control of their lives. Job Corps provides housing and a minimal personal allowance. Contact an admissions counselor at 1-800-733-JOBS (5627)

❖ Marines

Marines enjoy a lifestyle of travel and adventure, an important role in Marine Corps missions, and many benefits (medical insurance, housing, clothing, financial assistance), including the opportunity to continue their formal education with the financial support of the United States government. Contact Staff Sergeant Carruthers at (601) 238-1835 or (601) 353-2031

❖ Army

The training and salary you get as a Soldier are only some of the ways the Army strengthens you for tomorrow. The Army also offers money for education, comprehensive health care, generous vacation time, family services and support groups, special pay for special duties, and cash allowances to cover the cost of living. For more information, contact a recruiter at 1-800-USA-ARMY, ext. 181

❖ Navy

The Navy takes care of its Sailors. When you join, you will receive an impressive array of benefits designed to keep you healthy, comfortable and secure. And the best part is that all of these benefits are above and beyond your Navy pay and allowances. The Navy also offers Opportunities to earn advanced degrees at Navy expense. For more information, contact PS2 Roger Davis at (662) 436-7823

❖ Air Force

The Air Force is a branch of the military which provides free medical and dental, educational benefits, pays 100% of your tuition, free travel, and quality job experiences, For more information contact SSGT Sargent at (601)936-9948

❖ The National Guard

The National Guard enables you to serve your country, serve your community, and at the same time allow you to further your education and have a normal everyday life. The National Guard also offers financial assistance, health benefits, and educational assistance. For more information, contact the career counselor, Bryan Clevenger, at (601) 954-2773

❖ Win Job Centers

WIN Job Centers (also know as one-stops) combines federal, state, and community workforce development programs and services into one location to help individuals and businesses find employment and training services. (601) 321-7923

❖ Physician Shadowing

Students in the Physician Shadowing Program must have completed their second year of college in pursuit of a medical career. During the program, they spend time with family physicians, surgeons, radiologists, cardiologists and emergency physicians. Each student receives hourly compensation, a lab coat and support materials. For more information, call (662) 377-3245 or 1-800-THE DESK (1-800-843-3375).

❖ Mississippi Faith-Based Coalition

MFBCCR is a statewide interfaith network committed to developing the capacity and resources of religious groups to engage in life-changing ministry to the needy and enhance the quality of life in materially depressed communities. MFBCCR also provides housing counseling. If you would like to talk with someone about possibly owning your own home, contact Jacqueline Johnson at (601) 346- 7503 or Mack Magee at (228) 863-4024.



Helpful Websites

<http://www.knowtheredflags.com/>
<http://www.womenslaw.org/>
<http://www.breakthecycle.org/>
<http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/Main.aspx>
<http://www.teenwire.com/>
<http://www.amazon.com/>
<http://www.askkids.com/>
<http://www.awesomelibrary.org/student5.html>
<http://www.bookdivas.com/>
<http://encarta.msn.com/encnet/departments/homework/>
<http://encarta.msn.com/encnet/departments/college/>
<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/homeworkhelp/index.html>
<http://kids.aol.com/KOL/>
<http://kidshealth.org/teen/>
<http://www.drivers.com/>
<http://www.insure.com/articles/carinsurance/teenstates.html>
<http://adtsea.iup.edu/nssp/>
<http://quizhub.com/quiz/quizhub.cfm>
<http://www.dosomething.org/>
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/>
<https://www.ms.gov/hp/drivers/license/Main.do>
http://www.mississippi.gov/online_services_sub_sub.jsp?Category_ID=50#etrans
<http://www.mlc.lib.ms.us/ServicesToLibraries/StateDocuments.htm>
<http://www.ms.gov/>



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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
HALEY REEVES BARBOUR, GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DONALD R. TAYLOR
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BULLETIN: 6216

**DIVISION OF FAMILY AND
CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

TO: DFCS Deputy Directors
DFCS Unit Directors
DFCS Regional Directors
DFCS Area Social Work Supervisors
DFCS Family Protection Specialists
DFCS Family Protection Workers
DFCS Regional Resource Area Social Work Supervisors
DFCS Resource Specialists
DFCS Independent Living Staff
DFCS Training Staff
DFCS MACWIS Staff
DFCS Foster Care Reviewers

FROM: Kate McMillin, Director 
Division of Family and Children's Services

DATE: October 16, 2008

SUBJECT: Resource Board Payment Breakdown

Effective immediately, the requirements contained within this bulletin are hereby set forth in Division of Family and Children's Services practice.

Attached is a copy of the board payment breakdown for Resource Homes. This breakdown should replace the breakdown within Bulletin 6157 dated February 11, 2008. Please place this bulletin behind Section D page 3378. The monthly board payments paid to each Resource Home will be governed by the amounts specified within the breakdown. Each licensed Resource Home receiving payment will utilize board payments according to the breakdown listed within this bulletin.

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RESOURCE BOARD PAYMENT BREAKDOWN

<u>Age/Status</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Clothing</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Payment</u>	<u>(PerDiem)**</u>
0-5	\$355.00	\$80.00	\$15.00	\$450.00	\$15.00
6-8	\$355.00	\$80.00	\$30.00	\$465.00	\$15.50
9-12	\$360.00	\$80.00	\$40.00	\$480.00	\$16.00
13-15	\$370.00	\$80.00	\$50.00	\$500.00	\$16.67
16-21	\$370.00	\$80.00	\$60.00	\$510.00	\$17.00
Special Needs I	\$440.00	\$80.00	\$20.00	\$540.00	\$18.00
Special Needs II	\$500.00	\$80.00	\$20.00	\$600.00	\$20.00
Foster Teen Parent	\$725.00	\$160.00	\$75.00	\$960.00	\$32.00
*Therapeutic Resource Home				\$700.00	\$23.33
*Therapeutic Group Home				\$900.00	\$30.00
*Medical/Treatment				\$700.00	\$23.33
*Emergency Resource Home				\$700.00	\$23.33
*Emergency Group Shelter				\$900.00	\$30.00

*** Clothing and Personal Allowance based on age of the Child.**

****Rates based on a 30 day month and shall be prorated by per diem. (A full month board payment for February will be slightly less and 31-day months will be slightly more.)**

If the amount of board payment is based on age alone, this amount is determined by the age of the foster child on the first day of the month for which payment is being made.

Adoption Assistance payments are not affected by the board payment rates listed above.

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Scope of Services

Practice Model

In order to assist Mississippi with the development and implementation of a child welfare model of practice that follows the preceding framework, the Center for the Support of Families, Inc. (CSF) proposes the activities and timeframes identified below. Although the RFP provides for a one-year implementation period for the contract activities, CSF is proposing to conduct all activities within 8 months with all work completed by September 30, 2009.

Phase One: Assessment (Months 1-4, beginning February 2009)

It is important to conduct an assessment of current child welfare practice in Mississippi and of the systemic supports underlying practice in the field in order to develop a model that is responsive to Mississippi's needs and builds on its strengths. CSF proposes to conduct the assessment of current practice in close collaboration with MDHS staff and its representatives so that staff of the agency has the opportunity to see and hear first-hand the information that will ultimately shape the practice model. The assessment will inform the development of the practice model by identifying which practices currently are in place and the extent to which they are a part of the day-to-day work with children and families. The assessment will also provide valuable information in developing an implementation plan for the practice model, by providing insights into the scope of changes in practice that will need to be implemented and assist in decision-making about the most effective approaches to implementing practice changes.

To the extent possible, CSF proposes to coordinate our assessment activities with other assessment activities underway in the State, for example, information gathering activities underway by MDHS, COA, or plaintiffs in the Olivia Y. case, in order to minimize the impact on staff and stakeholder time. In the absence of other information-gathering activities underway, we propose to conduct focus groups and interviews with key staff and stakeholders in frequency and locations that will place the least amount of burden on participants possible. We will structure the interviews in ways that MDHS will be able to use the information we gather as part of the required Statewide Assessment for the upcoming 2010 CFSR, so as to avoid duplication of effort and resources by the State. We also propose to examine the case review findings from MDHS' Foster Care Reviews and incorporate that information into our assessment. In addition, we propose to conduct the following assessment activities:

- An identification of the practice requirements associated with the settlement agreement, the COA standards, and the CFSR, and preparing a written cross-walk of the requirements that identifies overlap, similarity, differences, and so forth;
- A review of existing child welfare policy in order to determine the practice requirements currently in place in the State and their fidelity to the State's mission and principles, and

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the requirements of the settlement agreement, the COA standards, and CFSR requirements;

- An electronic survey of child welfare staff in order to determine the types and frequency of practices they currently use, the types of support available to them, and what might be needed to implement a model of practice in the State;
- A review of selected data indicators, to be determined in collaboration with MDHS, that shed light on agency performance in certain critical areas relevant to a practice model;
- A review of MDHS' training curricula, including curricula that have been developed for the State and not currently implemented by the State, and requirements for staff and providers in order to determine how effectively it provides staff and providers with the skills, knowledge, and information needed to implement a model of practice in the State; and
- A series of focus groups with key participants such as caseworkers, supervisors, administrators, key State Office personnel, caretakers, and stakeholders in the Mississippi child welfare practice system in order to gain a clearer understanding of the current status of child welfare practice and infrastructure supports in the State. In general, we predict needing to conduct caseworker focus groups, supervisor focus groups, focus groups with other key MDHS staff and external stakeholders to be determined by CSF and MDHS. We will also conduct individual interviews with stakeholders as needed.

In addition to informing the development of the practice model, the focus groups and individual interviews will assist in promoting staff and stakeholder commitment to the practice model by providing an opportunity for them to have input into the practices that they view as most effective in serving children and families, along with their perceptions of the strengths and needs of the current system.

We propose to spend the initial month or so of the project preparing for these information gathering activities by developing needed instruments, consulting with MDHS staff, its representatives, and stakeholders on the rollout of the project, finalizing the schedule and exploring opportunities for focus groups, determining the availability of data needed to assess the current system, and developing a plan to compile and analyze the information to be collected.

The assessment phase of the project will comprise the first three (3) months of the project, as noted in the proposed budget and schedule of activities below.

Phase Two: Development of Draft Practice Model (Months 4-6, beginning May 2009)

During Phase I, CSF will analyze the information collected from the policy and training reviews, data reviews, the Foster Care Reviews, the survey, and the focus groups. We anticipate that this information will provide a basis for determining which current practices in Mississippi are

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consistent with its mandates and need to be incorporated into the practice model; which current practices and supports are inconsistent with the mission and principles and either need to be replaced or modified; which current practices and supports need expansion; and which new practices and supports need to be initiated in order to complete the practice model.

We propose to engage in consultation with MDHS staff, its representatives, and relevant stakeholders in using the findings of the assessment to draft a practice model that reflects the practice requirements related to MDHS mission and its mandates through the CFSR, the settlement agreement, and the COA. We will not incorporate many of the COA and settlement agreement standards that are not directly related to child welfare practice in the field, such as building and space requirements and so forth.

The practice model will describe the key activities over the life of a child welfare case in which the practices adopted by the State will be carried out, for example, in developing case plans, conducting assessments and so forth. It will be framed within the key skills and supports needed by staff to assure their success in working with children and families. The practice model will address practices with regard to child safety, permanency, and well being, and will address practice with intact families as well as those involving children and youth in foster care. The model will encompass professional social work practice that is carried out through staff and provider interactions with children and families and will address casework activities with individuals and families and, as applicable, group and community-level activities. It will also describe the associated activities to be carried out through supervision and administration of child welfare programs needed to achieve and sustain consistent, principle-based, outcome-focused practice model.

The analysis of information and draft practice model will be completed by the end of the 7th month of the project.

Phase Three: Development of Report (Months 6-8, beginning July 2009)

CSF proposes to provide MDHS with a formal report that includes the findings of the assessment, the draft model of practice, identified infrastructure strengths and needs for development, including recommendations regarding quality assurance and monitoring activities, and a recommended implementation plan for the practice model in the field and within the infrastructure. We will also make clear connections between the requirements of the settlement agreement, the CFSR, and COA standards in a crosswalk that demonstrates how the various requirements intersect to form an integrated model of practice.

We propose to make a formal presentation of the report to MDHS staff and stakeholder to be identified by MDHS, and to make any needed revisions to the model and/or the report at the request of MDHS prior to finalizing it and distributing the final version.

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The final draft of the practice model will be completed by the end of the 8th month of the project, although by working closely with MDHS staff and its representatives throughout the development of the model, MDHS will have access to the proposed model earlier than this date.

The final report will include a plan for implementing the practice model in Mississippi. The implementation plan will be informed in part by the initial assessment, which will provide insights into how extensive the changes implemented will be, where and in what situation practice changes will be the most substantial, and help to guide decisions regarding ways in which MDHS will be the most successful in implementing its practice model. Among the options for implementing the model will be to phase in various aspects of the model statewide with a general plan to bring all counties along at the same pace in changing practice, or to implement the entire practice model in selected counties or regions in a phased approach until the entire State has adopted the practice model. There are also various options within each of these broad approaches. Any decisions regarding an implementation plan that are included in the final report will be made in close collaboration with MDHS staff and representatives in an effort to assure that the State's needs and priorities are clearly reflected in the implementation plan, and to assure that the requirements, benchmarks of progress, and timeframes in the Olivia Y Settlement Agreement are not compromised through a proposed implementation plan for the practice model.

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Rate Setting Approach

CSF proposes to work with MDHS to assess board payments to foster parents caring for special needs foster children and to congregate care facilities to determine the extent to which current rates meet federal requirements and reflect the actual cost of caring for such children. For the purposes of this project, special needs is defined as any child with diagnosed physical, emotional, behavioral, or mental disabilities, but we will adapt this definition to meet the applicable State and Federal definitions. Congregate care is defined as any group setting or residential facility that is not a foster family home.

The study will focus on:

- Determining the number of children in foster family care with particular special needs and children residing in congregate care, along with the range of special needs represented in the population and the levels of care needed by children residing in congregate care;
- Reviewing and determining the extent to which the current rates meet the Federal requirements and reflect actual costs;
- Defining additional food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, school supplies, personal incidentals, liability insurance with respect to a child and reasonable travel for visitation needed by special needs children in care and children in congregate care. The definition of additional needs will be determined by the particular special needs and placement types of children, and will be consistent with the age ranges utilized in the *Hitting the MARC* report (Ages 2, 9, and 16). Definitions will be based on a survey of caretakers, interviews with caretakers, and review of children's case records. We will begin with the MARC rates for those costs they already include within the federal definition of Federal Foster Care Maintenance Payments, since MDHS has agreed to adopt those rates as part of its settlement agreement, and we will identify and determine the additional costs;
- As part of determining the costs of care for children in congregate care facilities, we will identify, in collaboration with MDHS and foster care providers, the reasonable and necessary costs of maintaining the facility and administrative costs of the facilities. In this area, we will give special attention to onsite childcare and oversight expenses as part of the facilities programs, in order to assure that we address oversight of children in congregate care facilities in accordance with their identified needs and the level of oversight required;
- Establishing the costs for the additional requirements for special needs children and children in congregate care: costs for additional care/resources will be determined by available Mississippi specific data, such as data obtainable from the United States Department of Agriculture, United States Department of Labor, Consumer Expenditure Survey, etc.;

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- Determining rates by age category that are additional to the MARC rates agreed to by MDHS in the settlement agreement: the rates will be specified by special needs and by each congregate care facility subject to this study;
- Identifying an ongoing process or determining updated reimbursement rates so that MDHS will be able to engage in this process itself in the future; and
- Providing a report of our findings to MDHS, which will include our findings with regard to current rates, the information we gather about additional costs to be included in the rates, our recommended rates for special needs children in foster family care and for children in congregate care, the methodology we used to calculate the rates, and our recommendations for implementation.

Throughout this work, we will work in close collaboration with staff and representatives identified by MDHS so that the Department will have a full understanding of the processes used in determining appropriate reimbursement rates, and will have the capacity to engage in this process itself on an ongoing basis. We will work with MDHS to identify specific staff for us to coordinate and communicate with regarding our activities over the course of the project, so that CSF and MDHS will be assured that we will be in regular communication, share information, and assist in building capacity within MDHS to complete the activities in the future that we are contracted to perform during the contract period. We will also make all tools, surveys, and methods that we use available to MDHS for its ongoing use in the future.

Rate Setting Activities

In order to assist Mississippi with the assessment of board payment rates and actual costs of care and determine the extent to which the current rates meet the requirement of federal law and reflect the actual costs of caring for special needs children and children in congregate care, CSF proposes the following activities.

Phase One: Identify Population and Range of Needs Represented (Months 1-2)

The primary task in this phase will involve determining the number, locations, and placement types of children in care under the care and supervisory responsibility of MDHS in order to identify the range of special needs represented by children in foster family homes and the range of needs of children placed in congregate care facilities. The Request for Proposal notes 47 children with special needs reside in foster family homes and congregate care facilities. Our understanding of the requirement in the consent decree is that the rate structure will apply to all special needs children in foster family homes and to all children in congregate care, and that we will need to identify the population on that basis in addition to determining the range of special needs within the population and the levels of care associated with children residing in congregate care facilities. Having information available by facility will also assist in determining the actual per capita cost of care in terms of administrative and facility maintenance costs.

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We will use data from the MDHS information system, Mississippi Automated Child Welfare Information System (MACWIS), to the extent possible for this purpose. However, we also anticipate the need to verify information in MACWIS through contacts with staff and foster care providers. The reason for this is that while "special needs" are captured as a part of the States' AFCARS submissions to the federal government, this information is not a required field and may or may not be currently or accurately populated. We also would like to be sure that the data in MACWIS accurately represents the children in care who are the subjects of the rate setting work. If we are unsuccessful in obtaining data that we and MDHS believe accurately represent the subject population, we will ask foster care families and congregate care providers to complete information on each child in their care for this purpose.

Phase Two: Identify Costs of Caring for the Target Population (Months 3-5)

We propose to develop a cost model to collect and profile cost data for all special needs children with the objective of determining specific additional needs/costs for special needs children. The cost model will utilize a survey to collect data. We will establish and define a chart of accounts for the collection of costs from foster care families and congregate facilities. For congregate facilities, we will additionally address the cost of administration and maintenance and the handling of other income received by those facilities. We will identify the specific costs associated with care and supervision and the other applicable costs above those included in the MARC rates.

We propose to develop a case review instrument and to train MDHS staff to use it in reviewing a small sample of case files to determine specific additional needs/costs for special needs children. We also propose to verify and supplement the information through visits to a sample of facilities, and through requests for congregate care facilities to submit cost and account information. Among the tasks here will be to determine the costs of care provided by payments from MDHS in relation to income that the congregate care facilities may or may not derive from other sources for the care of children placed there. We will also need to determine the most typical, or average, numbers of children placed in specific facilities in order to calculate the administrative and facility maintenance costs of caring for the usual census based on the number of children in the facility.

We also propose to convene a meeting of MDHS staff, its representatives, and foster care providers to discuss issues pertaining to the levels of childcare oversight needed for the children who are the subjects of the rates included in this project.

We anticipate that the result of this phase will be the establishment of a levels of care typology based on supervisory oversight of children in foster family homes with certain types of special needs and oversight requirements and children in congregate care (not a levels of care scheme based on service needs, which need to be highly individualized). This typology will provide MDHS with an orderly process for determining how much to reimburse applicable foster care

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providers for caring for children, in addition to basic MARC rates, facility maintenance, and administrative costs.

Throughout, we will compare the basic payments that MDHS makes on behalf of the children who are the subjects of this study to the requirements of the Federal Foster Care Maintenance Payments (FCMP) program, under title IV-E of the Social Security Act, to assure that MDHS' payments address the required components of the rate structure, i.e., cost of food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, school supplies, a child's personal incidentals, liability insurance with respect to the child, reasonable travel to the child's home for visitation, and, for congregate care facilities, the cost of operating facility and administration.

Phase Three: Calculate a Rate Structure and Prepare a Report to MDHS (Months 6-8)

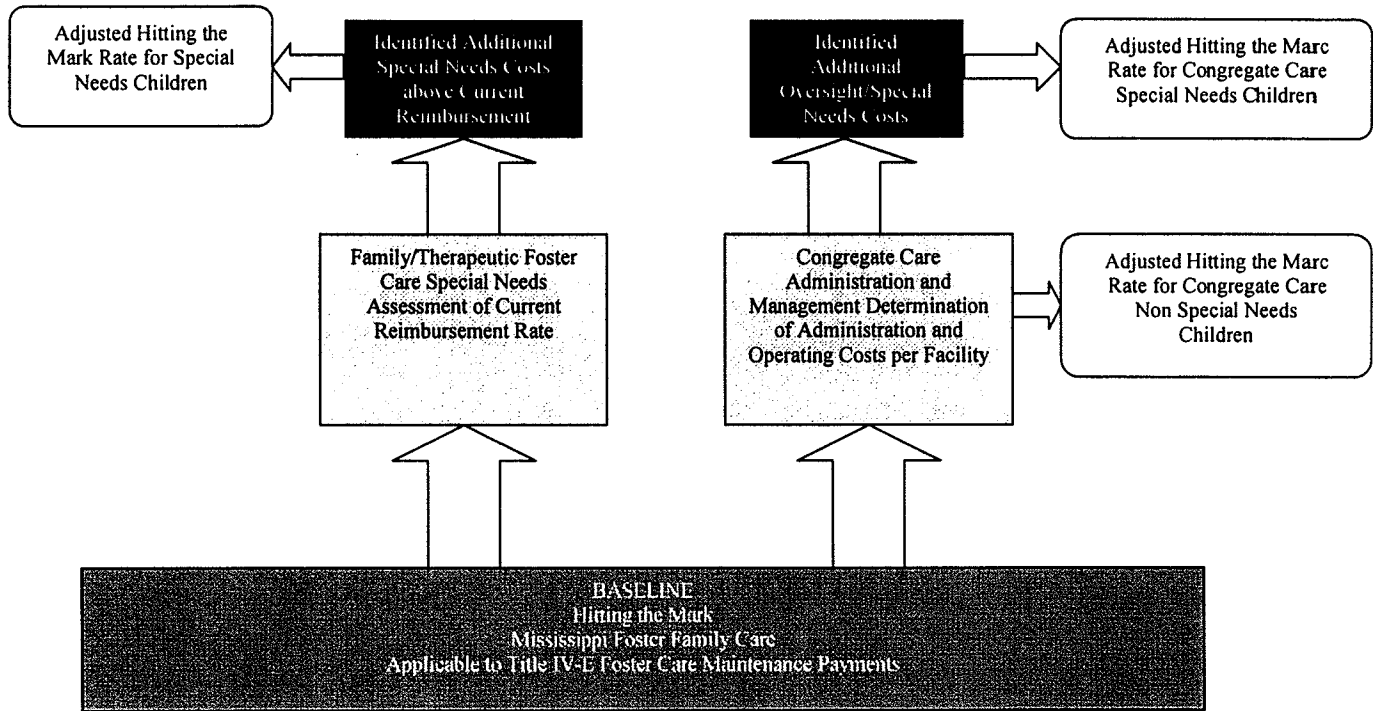
The primary tasks in this phase include calculating the reasonable costs for the activities and components of the rate structure, based on the information we gather in the previous two phases. We will use the MARC information as the basis for determining the components of the rate structure that are already included in MARC. We will use the additional information we gather in the previous two phases. We will use the MARC information as the basis for determining the components of the rate structure that are already included in MARC. We will use the additional information that we gather, in combination with the MARC information, to provide MDHS with recommended rates that include the costs of caring for special needs children in foster care and for children in congregate care. We propose to develop rates based on a typology of the levels of oversight and supervision that children placed in congregate care and that children with special needs in foster family homes require. For example, for children with certain special needs that reasonably require a certain level of oversight, we will calculate the average costs of providing that degree of oversight and apply that to the recommended rates for children with those levels of special needs. We will calculate the administrative and facility maintenance components of congregate care rates in a manner that reflects these costs relative to other income the facilities may receive for the children and the average or adjusted number of children in care per month by facility compared to their actual licensed capacity.

In addition to calculating a basic rate structure, we propose to develop a method for reimbursing applicable foster care providers for the actual costs of transportation of children in their care to medical appointments and for other necessary transportation functions, since those costs will be specific to individual children and not amenable to inclusion in standard reimbursements. We will provide our information to MDHS in a written report that describes the methodology we used to calculate the recommended rates. We will also work closely with MDHS staff and representatives throughout this process to assure that they are familiar with the processes so that they may engage in them periodically in order to assess the ongoing appropriateness of the rates and make adjustments as needed.

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The following illustration shows our proposed approach to the rate setting activities:



Ex. 19A

Grace M. Lopes

From: James J Mooney [jjmooney@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2009 7:38 PM
To: Jenni Murray
Cc: Rachal, Kenya Key; 'Fortenberry, Rusty'; Lori Woodruff; MLowery@ChildrenRights.Org; 'Shirim Nothenberg'; 'Jessica Polansky'; Richard Klarberg; Rebecca Kinel; Grace M Lopes; 'Mark Harris'
Subject: 180 Day Deliverables

Dear Jenni:

Thank you for submitting the remaining items for the 180 Day Deliverables.

Both items—CR. 3..Client Grievance Procedure and CPS 5.06..responding to unmet basic needs that do not meet criteria for abuse and neglect during initial screening.. are in full compliance with the COA standards.

The 180 Day Deliverables are now complete. Please keep the information/material DFCS assembled in response to all the Deliverables for future reference, including the self-study and on-site review.

Thank you again for your attention to the thoroughness of these two items.

Jim

James J Mooney, ACSW
COA Consultant

3/16/2009

Ex. 19B



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Memorandum

Date: 04 June 2008
To: Kate McMillin, Director, DFCS, Mississippi DHS
CC: Richard Klarberg, Jim Mooney, Rebecca Kinel
From: Reid Scher, Manager of Accreditation Operations
Re: Initial Deliverables Review

Thank you for your timely submission of materials submitted as the initial deliverables relative to the 180-day standards. The following constitutes our evaluation of the materials and the extent to which they reflect implementation of the standards in question.

The materials by and large responded to the nineteen standards in question. In the sections below, the missing or inadequate elements of the materials are italicized. While the material did address much of the required documentation, the submission was extremely voluminous and difficult to work through. In preparing future submissions for COA's internal review as well as, ultimately, for peer review, it is critical to consider the questions being addressed by and the requirements of the standards and focus the submitted materials on information that is directly relevant and responsive to standards.

As previously stated, we have identified areas of concern in the materials that can provide a focus for the workgroups moving forward in their work. The materials submitted and this review of procedures, protocols and other documents in place will assist with the next stage of evaluation, the readiness assessment to occur the week of 23 June. A major focus of this review will be the assessment of implementation of the requirements of these standards. Further feedback will be provided subsequent to that review. Please keep in mind that full implementation of the 180-day standards is a condition of COA moving forward with the accreditation process. A similar process of identification of deliverables and desk- and onsite review will occur for the one-year standards.

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Please let us know if you have any questions regarding any aspect of this response.

- **PA-AM 3.01:** The material submitted indicates that DCFS provides direct services: Child Protective Services, Foster Care Services, Adoption Services, Case Management Services and Adult Protective Services. Additional supportive and other services are purchased, both residential and non-residential. The material documents the connection of funding streams to service eligibility. *The materials need to be updated to insure that it is current and accurate, to reflect, for example, the fact that there are now seven rather than nine service regions in Mississippi. Additionally, the materials are quite lengthy and difficult to process. The materials should be shortened and focused to effectively serve a primary purpose, which is the education of the customers and community partners as to DCFS' services.*
- **PA-ETH 4:** The whistle-blower policy is clear and addresses important procedures and processes. *The policy needs to be expanded to address baseless allegations and the maintenance of reporter anonymity. Although there were two policy memos submitted that address this policy, it is indicated to be a draft document.*
- **PA-HR 3.03:** Materials indicate that DCFS has screening procedures in place to address criminal background and child abuse registry checks for employees, foster parents and contractors. *However, while the materials address by reference the screening of volunteers and interns, it does not directly address the screening procedures for these individuals. The procedures should explicitly indicate that volunteers and interns will be screened in a manner identical to the screening of employees.*

- **PA-HR 4.05:** The grievance procedures submitted are clear and detailed, with the process detailed in both words a flowchart. All elements of the standard are addressed in the procedure.
- **PA-RPM 2.03:** Procedures for review of special incidents were submitted. *However, the procedures did not fully and clearly address the specific types of incidents indicated by the standard to require a review. Additionally, there was no documentation of a recent review included in the submitted documents.*
- **PA-CR 1.01:** The foster or resource parents' and children's rights documents are clear and inclusive, fully addressing the standard. There was also submitted a draft document, the Notice of Parent and Guardian Rights. *This document is written in extremely bureaucratic language and not at all welcoming to the individuals for whom the document is intended. In light of the fact that the standard requires clarity and understandable language, the document should be revised with these goals in mind.*
- **PA-CR 3:** While there did not appear to be materials submitted specifically referencing this standard, other materials addressed the client grievance process. This process addresses both an appeal and administrative review process. *However, it was not clear if or in what manner DCFS provides notification to clients of this process. If it does not currently exist, a clear and understandable written notification of client grievance rights should be developed. There should additionally be procedures developed to guide staff in the performance of this function.*
- **PA-CPS 4.01:** Materials indicate that there is a central reporting hotline and a well-publicized 800 number. These materials indicate that there is currently a process in place to contract with a private provider for the management of this reporting system, scheduled to be finalized by September 2008. *The description of services provided and eligible recipients is out-of-date and needs*

updating. Care should be taken with the language in the updated description, as materials submitted describe DCFS services as being associated with “poor people.”

- **PA-CPS 4.04:** Policies and procedures are in place for evaluating abuse and neglect reports. These include decision-making criteria, protocols and timelines, as well as rankings to triage reports.
- **PA-CPS 5.01:** Procedures for seeing children subsequent to screening and evaluation for abuse and neglect are clear and detailed. These include timeframes for the visits. Determinations regarding these actions are made by supervisors.
- **PA-CPS 5.06:** Procedures and criteria for the completion of a safety plan are outlined in the material. Levels two and three require the completion of a safety plan within seven days. *We would recommend that this time frame be reviewed to insure that the intent of the standard regarding timely safety plans is met. There needs to be greater clarity regarding the timelines for obtaining needed resources and services to insure that the possible immediacy of the need is reflected in procedures.*
- **PA-CPS 10.01:** The materials include procedures for accepting and working with voluntary surrenders by parents. Procedures for petitioning the court are detailed and all of the above are covered in the training curriculum for safety assessments.
- **PA-FC 6.01:** The licensing rules and regulations are clear and detailed. The Resource Family Licensing Guide is well organized and covers the entire licensing process. It is a good tool for resource parents to use as a guide to the process.
- **PA-FC 12.05:** Protocols are in place for responding to runaway or missing children in foster care, as well as for responding to allegations of maltreatment in foster homes. Protocols for discipline in foster homes are also in place and were included in the materials submitted.

- **PA-KC 16.07:** Protocols for responding to emergencies are in place and clearly developed. Indicative of the heightened sensitivity to such situations in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, all such procedures are being reviewed and updated.
- **PA-FC 17.04:** Materials submitted reflect procedures being in place for criminal background checks and child abuse registry checks for all adults in foster homes. *However, we have strong concerns regarding the memorandum for safety reviews for foster homes. The memorandum indicates that a safety review will be initiated in a licensed foster home with two or three reports of maltreatment, including corporal punishment, within the last three years. This procedure is unacceptable and does not adequately protect children. Each individual report should trigger an investigation and policies and procedures should be reflective of this. As DCFS is in the process of developing a special investigative unit for these situations, the unit's operational procedures should be reflective of this.*
- **PA-FC 17.05:** The Safety Home and Environment checklists are reflective of procedures in place for assessing safety and sanitary issues in foster homes. A process of further revision and refinement of these checklists is underway.
- **PA-FC 17.06:** The material submitted contains draft procedures for the safe transportation of children in resource parents' vehicles. These procedures appear to meet all requirements of the standard.
- **PA-AS 7.01:** There are clear procedures in place for the determination of a child's custody status and the legal pursuit of termination of parental rights (TPR). Procedures address the Indian Child Welfare Act and the protocol for working with Native American children and families.

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From: Reid Scher

Subject: Mississippi DFCS 180 Day Deliverables – Pt. 2: Review of 9 Items

On September 15, 2008, Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children's Services (DFCS) submitted nine (9) items, associated with the 180 Day Deliverables, for follow up review, addressing items raised in my memo of 04 June 2008. Review comments are as follows:

PA-AM 3.01: The scope of services has been clarified and streamlined. It is more informative in terms of the services that are provided by and through DFCS. The sections should be proofed before final printing to assure accuracy and clarity of language (See Family Preservation—first sentence). In addition, you will need to clarify which services DFCS provides directly and those that are provided through contractual arrangements.

PA-ETH 4:00: The whistleblower policy has been revised and now addresses baseless allegations and maintaining anonymity. The policy became official as of 8-14-08.

PA-HR 3.03: The "Permission for Background Checks" form references and addresses interns and volunteers. ***However, policies and procedures need to be revised to explicitly indicate that volunteers and interns will be screened in a manner identical to the screening of employees, as was previously recommended. The revised policies and procedures will be due no later than 01 November 2008.***

PA-RPM-2.03: A list of specific incidents has been included with the procedures. ***However, no documentation of a recent review has been included with the submitted documents, as was previously requested. This documentation will be due no later than 01 November 2008.***

PA-CR 1.01: Client rights statements have been significantly improved and written in much clearer and softer language. Protocols have been developed regarding training and staff preparation to assure orderly distribution of the statements. ***However, establishing an outcome of 85% compliance by August 2009 is not acceptable. Providing clients with written notification of their rights and responsibilities is the foundation of both informed consent and best practice. Initiation of the process should not be delayed. An expectation for 100% compliance for all active cases should take no longer than 3 months at the most. We expect every client to be provided with written notification of their rights and responsibilities no later than 15 January 2008. A written plan to complete this will be due no later than 01 November 2008.***

PA-CR 3.00: This standard requires the organization to maintain a formal mechanism through which applicants, clients, and other stakeholders can express and resolve grievances, including denial of service. ***The materials that were submitted relate entirely to Resource Parents. The grievance process that is presented for this group is acceptable, but is limited to resource parents and defined accordingly. A revised formal grievance process that applies to clients, and other stakeholders needs to be developed, as previously requested. This documentation will be due no later than 01 November 2008.***

PA-CPS 4.01: Materials have been revised, updated and clarified.

PA-CPS 5.06: The "immediacy" for initiating a needed safety plan is addressed, but without a timeframe. ***It is not clear if immediacy means within 24 hours, which is accepted practice. Immediacy needs to be defined with specific time-frames attached. The material additionally does not address unmet needs which may be evidenced in cases where no safety issues are identified. Protocol calls for closing cases that don't evidence a need for a safety plan, which has the potential for permitting identified needs to be left unaddressed. The protocol needs to be revised to address these issues. This documentation will be due no later than 01 November 2008.***

PA-FC 17.04: Previous concerns centered on the ambiguity surrounding the time frames for investigating a report of abuse or neglect in a foster home. The submitted material clarifies that a report of suspected abuse or neglect triggers an immediate investigation. ***The continuing confusion involves the special safety review, which involves all foster homes with two or more reports of maltreatment (whether evidenced or not) within the last three years. This protocol as presented is too loose. Any evidence of maltreatment (including corporal punishment) should be viewed as serious grounds for closure; waiting for two or more reports over a three-year period under such circumstances is inappropriate. The***

procedures and protocol need to be tightened and clarified with respect to the need to convening a special safety review in light of any evidence of abuse. This documentation will be due no later than 01 November 2008.

Please let me know if you have questions about anything contained in this memo. We would be glad to discuss it further if you have comments or questions.

Thank you.

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Creation of the COA Steering Committee

MDHS created a COA Steering Committee to direct workgroups, track their progress, and review documents produced by the workgroup. The committee is comprised of Lori Woodruff (Deputy Administrator), Mike Gallarno (PQI Director), Linda Millsap (DFCS Director), Kenya Key Rachal (MDHS Attorney), Jenni Murray (COA Coordinator), Mary Fuller (Acting PIU Director), and Henry Goodman (USM Consultant-policy).

At this time, the committee has reviewed the two outstanding 180 day deliverables, assessed the 365 day deliverables, and given feedback to the workgroups regarding the 365 day deliverables. The committee has also reviewed recommended policy changes. The committee has given input into the creation of the Champion Committees, and participated in conference calls with Jim Mooney, COA.

The committee meets every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. This COA activity will continue through the next quarter.

Creation of the COA Champion Committees

After correspondence with Brenda Bell, COA Coordinator for TN, MDHS recognized the need for a committee that would help train staff and make the COA process fun for staff. TN created committees that they called "Champion Committees." MDHS decided to also develop "Champion Committees" in each region and at the state office.

At this time, each region and the state office have a committee comprised of two to seven people. Training is scheduled on April 2nd and April 8th 2009 for the committees to explain what COA is, why we are becoming accredited, and the benefits of accreditation. The committees will be given tools to take back to their regions/offices to train our staff on these same topics. They will also be responsible for planning COA Kick Offs/Celebrations for each region.

The Binder System

MDHS has developed a new system of tracking COA documentation. In the coordinator's office, there is a binder that corresponds to each standard. In the binder, there is a section for deliverable documents, self study documents, and site visit documents. As the workgroups produce documentation for each of these things, it will be placed in the binder for the particular standard it corresponds too. These binders will be available for review when the COA staff comes to visit. The binders will also be available for the court monitor to review as well as anyone else who may need to review the information.

At this time, each of the 180 day standards have a binder with documentation and some of the 365 day standards have a binder with documentation.

Deliverables

MDHS has submitted documentation on the last two outstanding 180 day deliverables which has been approved by COA. The 180 day deliverables are complete.

MDHS has assessed where we are on the 365 day deliverables. At this time, we are close to submission on 11 standards. There are 18 standards that will need some work before submission. There are 6 standards that will need significant work before submission. The work that needs to be done has been identified and a plan of action is in place.

Workgroups

Each of the workgroups has been meeting at various times throughout the quarter. A brief synopsis of what they have been working on will be listed under each workgroup heading.

AM/FIN/ ETH:

The workgroup has focused most of their time on PA-ETH 2, 2.01, 2.02, and 2.03.

They have accomplished locating the MDHS policy regarding conflict of interest regarding employees, including the Conflict of Interest clause in the personal service contracts, and including the Conflict of Interest clause in the bylaws for all advisory boards operating under the Division of Family and Children's Services.

HR/CR:

The workgroup has focused most of their time on PA-CR 3 and PA-HR 4.03.

They have accomplished drafting, editing, and submitting CR 3, client's grievance procedure, to COA as one of the remaining 180 day deliverables. They are working on a client's rights and responsibilities poster for the office lobbies. The suggested size for the poster is 17" X 22". The poster has been drafted to include the title, opening statement, nine bullets stating the rights, and the confidentiality information. The poster has been reviewed by the steering committee and senior management and feedback has been given. The poster is currently being edited at this time.

In response to HR 4.03, the workgroup has collected the two worker surveys done last year and numbers regarding retention the agency keeping which should help in setting goals. The group will provide this information to Lori Woodruff who will work with several agency employees to develop a plan for recruitment and retention which will include goals.

They have also worked on possible revisions for the ASWS PAR. They include taking out the part about cell phones having to be logged off/on, adding information about requiring ASWS to insure worker's are adhering to transportation safety (current driver's license, inspection sticker, insurance, etc.), and adding information to reflect the 24 hour on call language.

PQI:

The workgroup has focused most of their time on PA-PQI 1, 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 1.04, 2.01 and 2.02. As part of the self assessment spreadsheet, they have clearly listed what we have in the area of PQI and what we need in the area of PQI.

They have discussed the PQI plan (2.02) in detail. They have decided there is a need for more senior management involvement in the plan, and have developed a plan to address this issue. They are on the senior management agenda from now on to discuss the PQI framework and plan. They have developed an outline using COA resources, Tennessee's plan, and Missouri's plan. They have presented the outline to the senior managers at the March 16-17, 2009 senior management meeting. They met with consultant Jerry Milner on March 17 to further discuss the PQI Workgroup and efforts that need to be made.

RPM:

The workgroup has focused their time on developing documentation for most of the RPM standards. They have also interviewed several staff members to find information needed for the standards.

They have accomplished a lot in regards to RPM 2.01. The workgroup has interviewed staff and compiled information for the standard. They have drafted a memo explaining the agency's Risk Prevention functions. They have also collected all of the contracts and several other documents to evaluate them for COA compliance. They have suggested putting all the current contracts on a flash drive with a table of contents in the binder for the site visit. They are also making mock case folders for each case type to use as training tools in the regions and have discussed creating an agenda for getting offices ready to meet the standards of COA.

ASE/BSM:

The workgroup has focused their time on ASE 6.01, 6.03, 8.01, 8.02, and BSM 3.01, 3.02, 3.03.

They have decided to develop a Safety Procedure Manual with policies and procedures related to ASE 6.03, 8.01, 8.02, and BSM 3.01, 3.02, 3.03. The manual will be a concise guide; however, each piece of policy can stand alone and be placed elsewhere in Volume IV if needed. Drafts of the Safety Procedure Manual were reviewed and the group discussed what all needed to be added. They will be discussing the American's with Disabilities Act with HR and will research whether we have ADA policies that need to be included in the Safety Procedure Manual. They will also discuss the Federal Labor Law with HR for a recommendation on whether they need to be included in the Safety Procedure Manual.

They have created a facility walkthrough checklist for Mississippi. (ASE 6.01)

A draft of the transportation policy related to 6.03 was provided to senior management. Feedback was excellent. The submission memo will be written up and submitted to steering committee for approval and next step. AP-9 will be included that addresses transportation in agency vehicles, as recommended by Mr. Mooney.

A report was given from Economic Assistance regarding First Aid kits. This will be addressed by the Regional Directors during the completion of the facility checklist, which are due at senior management on April 21.

TS:

The workgroup has focused their time on PA-TS 1.01, 1.02, and 1.03.

They have accomplished developing a survey for workers and supervisors to implement that annually assesses the training needs which should be in place March or April 2009, finding information on courses offered in the Essential Learning Open Library that are designed for Licensed behavioral health professionals to disseminate to DFCS staff via training newsletter, and working on the supervisory course for child welfare in conjunction with the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the group is working on formulating pre-requisites for the current listing of courses, defining how many courses a worker may attend on-line, and identifying how the agency can manage staff attending other agency sponsored workshops and conferences.

CPS:

The workgroup has focused their time on PA-CPS 4.05, 5.05, 7.02, 8.03, 9.04, and 10.03.

They have assessed where we are on these standards and are currently collecting documentation on several of them for submission. They are also working on policy changes so that MDHS policy will be in compliance with the standards.

FC/KC/AS:

The workgroup has focused their time on PA-FC 2.02, 2.04, 3.04, 4.01, 6.05, 10.03, 11.02, 12.01, 16.05, 16.06 and PA-AS 2.03, 3.04. They have assessed where we are on these standards and are currently collecting documentation on several of them for submission.

The work group has submitted several policy changes as a result of these standards that have been reviewed by senior management, the steering committee, the COA stakeholder committee, and Jim Mooney, COA. The policy changes refer to Family Team Meetings and Individual Team Meetings, Long Term Placement, Durable Legal Custody, Medical/Dental/Psychological/Developmental Assessments, and Educational Services. They are working with upper management to work with the health department in response to FC 16.05. They have also developed roles for the adoption and resource specialist which have also been reviewed and are currently in the process of being edited.